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Clampdown?

The Battle Over Public Sex

BY TIM KINGSTON

Only hours after a Mayoral press conference calling for a "crackdown" on illegal legal South of Market Clubs, two pay-as-you-enter gay sex clubs were closed on September 13. Father Frank Finch's Church of the Secret Gospel was shut down by the Police and Fire Department and Michael Brownstone's Night Gallery closed *voluntarily*.

"It is a political thing, everyone knows that," charges Brownstone. "It is election bullshit, honey. They do it every time an election rolls around. Prostitutes and gay bars—they are easy targets."

The sudden closures, however, appear to be less an effort to woo conservative votes west of Twin Peaks, as many critics suggest, than an attempt by Mayor Art Agnos to minimize the impact of a Sunday *San Francisco Examiner* expose on the gay sex clubs, which the Mayor allegedly knew was due to hit the streets on September 15. Still other rumors suggest that it was an Agnos effort to prevent other mayoral candidates from exploiting the sex club issue for its homophobic value.

Major stories have appeared regularly on TV and in the mainstream press ever since Agnos's Friday-the-13th press conference to announce the "crackdown" on both gay and straight SOMA clubs.

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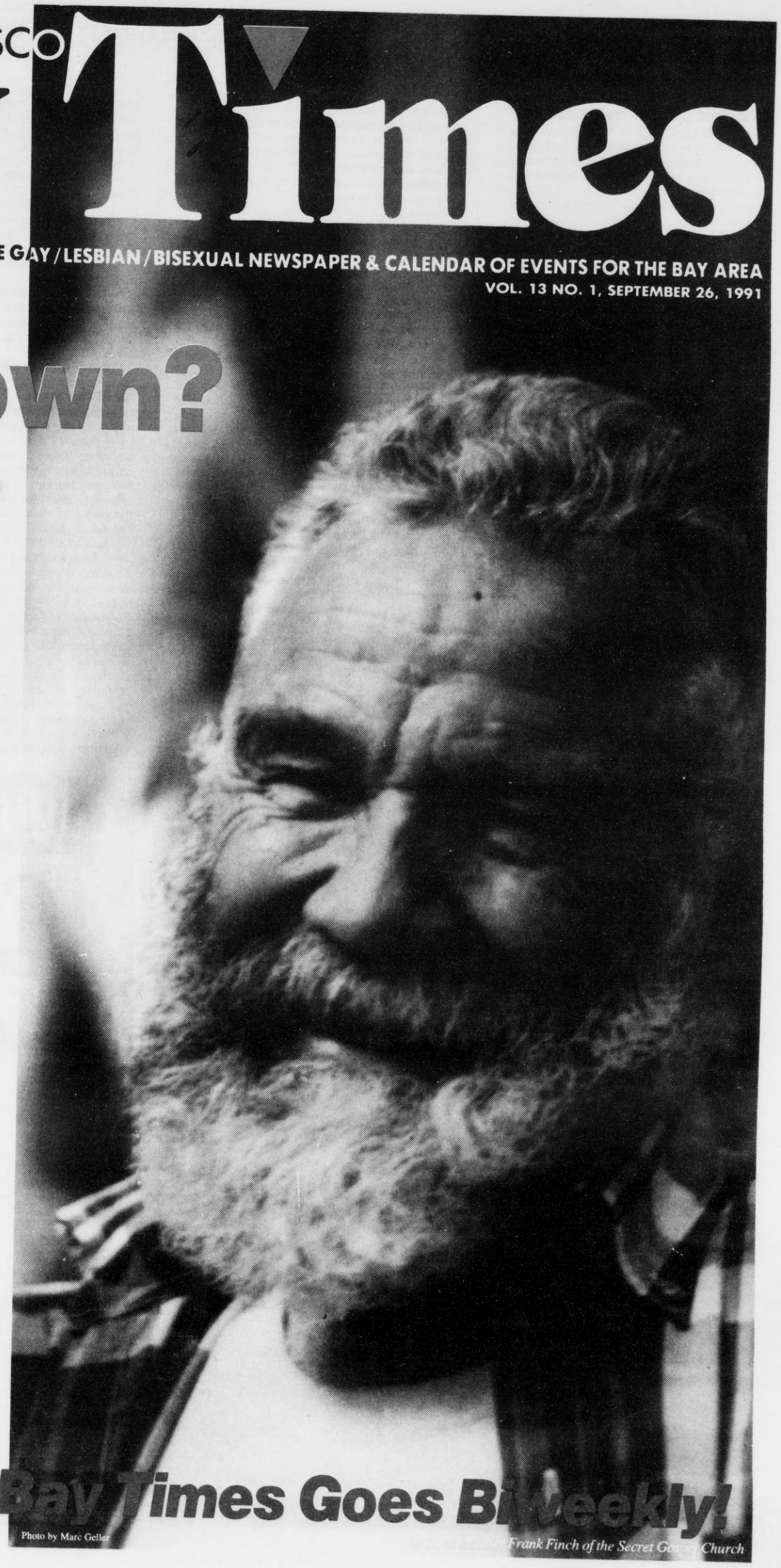

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Frank Finch of the Secret Gospel Church

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LETTERS

Who Sold Out The Buyer's Clubs?

In a recent article in the *SF Chronicle*, allegations of profiteering were made on the ddC underground. As AIDS treatment activists and persons living with HIV, we feel compelled to address the weakness of the allegations and question the journalistic integrity of the article and the motives of the person(s) who instigated it.

As AIDS treatment activists who recognize that an attack of the underground Buyer's Clubs would result in full-scale war, we cannot help but question the motivations of individuals who instigate or support an FDA review of Buyer's Clubs for profiteering. Any effort to disclose profiteering on AIDS drugs would best be directed toward a review of pricing within the multi-billion-dollar pharmaceutical industry. The *SF Chronicle* article, Sept. 5, 1991, titled *FDA Hoping to Halt Profiteering on AIDS Drug*, focused on underground pricing of ddC. Anyone reading this article would quickly surmise that the drug in question is sold at approximately $38.00 for a one-month supply. This is a far cry from the kind of price-gouging People With AIDS have become accustomed to for drugs such as AZT, Acyclovir or Fluconazole; all FDA approved and commonly used by PWAs. If Buyer's Clubs are to be scrutinized, then let it be by our own community of People with HIV/AIDS (PWAs). We as PWAs, AIDS activists and AIDS service providers have struggled to create a system which meets our needs as the affected communities. "Allegations" of profiteering are just that, "allegations." Rumors of such allegations had not spread widely through the gay community until the appearance of the above-mentioned article.

The article expresses James Driscoll's opinion that the growth of the ddC underground is evidence of what he calls the "*FDA's failure* to approve a drug." Such statements mislead readers. We must acknowledge that in the particular case of ddC, it is *not* the fault of the FDA that the drug is not yet approved. The FDA has yet to receive a completed NDA (New Drug Application) from Roche for ddC. If ddC is to be made available, as an approved therapy, to the thousands of people now accessing it through the underground, it is clearly up to Roche to get their data together and submit it! We anxiously await Roche's announcement that ddC will be priced in accordance with established underground prices and not those of AZT. Our previous experience with pharmaceutical exploitation of PWAs suggests that once approved, ddC will be more expensive, given deductibles and caps set by "third party payers" than it is on the underground.

As people "paying for ddC out of their own pockets," we know better than to bring our complaints concerning AIDS organizations to a government whose timetable forced us into creating our own infrastructure for survival. Individuals who instigate FDA scrutiny of Buyer's Clubs, and went on to publicly attack Martin Delaney, have risked access to AIDS drugs for all of us living with HIV. This is nothing short of traitorous. One wonders who's "profiteering" in this expose. The Buyer's Clubs? We think not. So who's getting paid off to disable the Buyer's Clubs and pave the way for Roche to establish their price on ddC?

AIDS Treatment Activists
Members of ACT UP/Golden Gate:
Brenda Lein, Danny Cohen, G'dali Braverman
Jesse Dobson, Michael Wright, Todd Kooyers

Love Between Friends

A letter to Bo Huston:

I hope I have not been presumptuous in addressing you by your first name, but after having read your article on your two friends Mark and Tom, who passed away, I thought I would be allowed that.

I have never written to a columnist in a newspaper, magazine or any periodical as nothing written by others has moved me enough to action; however, your Crosstalk has given me a connection and a feeling of warmth that I cannot explain.

Your own understanding of this "plague" that has entered our community is so matter of fact...as it should be. I never agonized over my HIV status as much as I agonized over the deaths of friends and acquaintances. I didn't understand why I was still here, and still don't, while these beautiful men, some young, some older, passed before my eyes. These are transitional periods for so many of us who were not given any experience in how to deal with death and the dying process. Life has taught us that we are just a small part of a grander learning experience that none of us can ever comprehend; and I don't know if we will, or better yet be allowed to, given the time restraints HIV has placed on us.

Your explanation of the love process between your two friends sounds with an alarming ring of those experiences that I have had and had probably put somewhere in the abyss of my mind, forgotten until the gentle reminder in your article. Yes, your article also brought tears to my eyes as it did to many others who took the time to read such an endearing article of reflection on one's present, one's past, and the grip we all have placed on the new experience called AIDS.

I have watched as KS lesions keep appearing on my body and my vanity wants to reject this new label that HIV has given me. I was gripped with such fear as I watched them appear, and skepticism with each visit at my physician's office. I have had the amazing opportunity to have AIDS for over six years with no serious illnesses. Now I feel that this virus is giving me its own visible signs to let me know it's here. Still I don't torture myself over the result (which is ultimately death) but am fascinated to watch how it transforms into areas that I was so vain about that I promised suicide if I were to ever get a KS lesion.

Ironic? Yes. Sad? I don't know. Frustrating? Very. I now live with a man that I love so dearly that it tortures my soul to know that this opportunity to have a grasp on this love with him is going to be limited only by the terms of AIDS. I feel he understands and loves me no less because of this. I love him more every day but have learned that I can't capture him and hold him, but let him "fly" as you will, for when I am gone I want his life to continue to be full. I am sorry, I didn't intend on digressing, but just to share some thoughts with you that you were so brave to share in a public forum.

I hope someday to meet you, just to say hello. But, if that opportunity doesn't avail itself in this lifetime, possibly there is another waiting for that to happen. Please take care, and again, thank you for your thoughts. They have become a bit of a talisman that I can go back and read and still achieve that warmth, that understanding of true love.

David K. Smith
San Francisco

Support Our Health Workers

I am very grateful for the comprehensive story by Tim Kingston , *SF Bay Times*, Sept. 1991, *SF Health Care Workers Organizing Against Mandatory Testing*. We need to support our health workers in every way that we can. *We don't need no health care workers in any closets!*

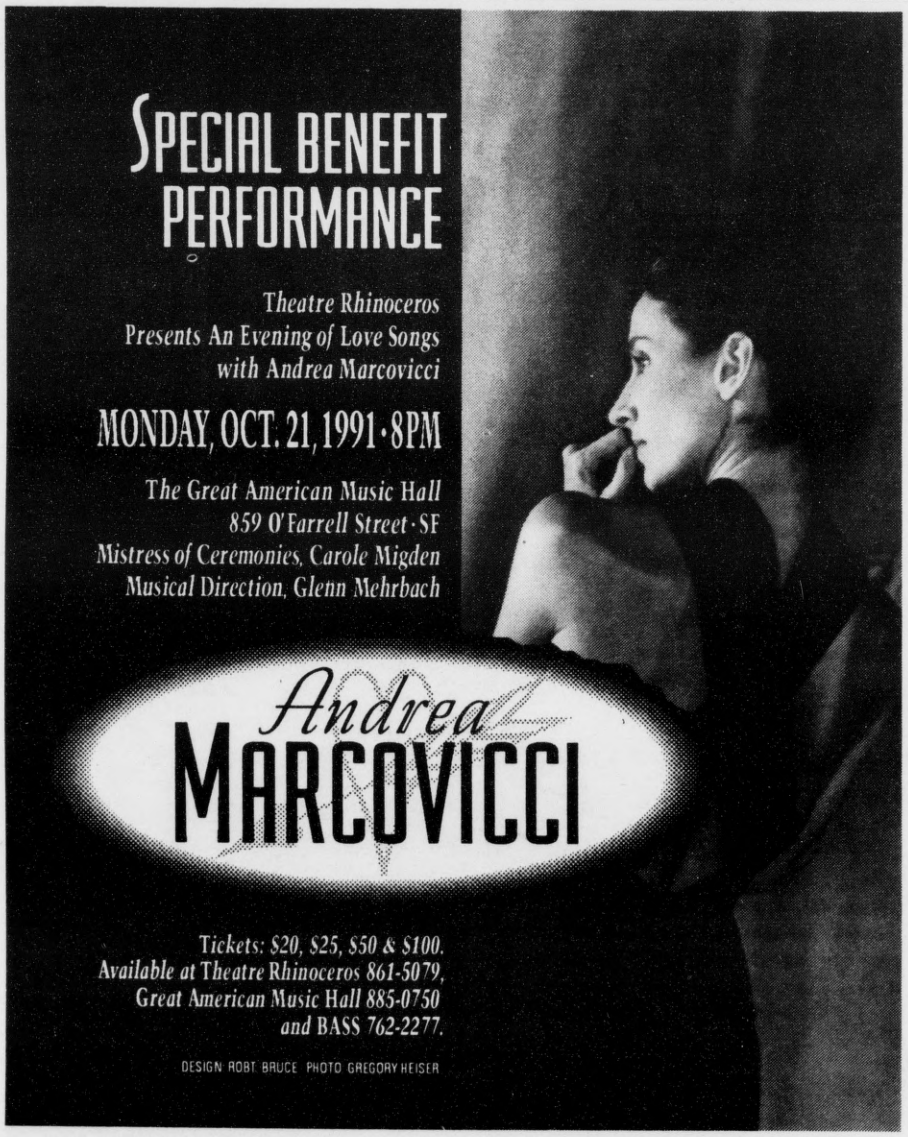
Sheldon Ramsdell, PWA
San Francisco

Real Violence Against Women

I was dismayed by the letter from LABIA to Roberta Achtenberg in the September *SF Bay Times*. While I have much respect for both Ms. Achtenberg and members of LABIA, I find it absurd and irresponsible that the recent flyering of the Supervisor's house— or, more accurately, the sidewalk near her house— is being equated with violence against women. While we may or may not agree with the tactics of the AIDS activists who did the flyering, I am sure that Ms. Achtenberg understands that elected officials can expect feedback—not all of it positive—from their constituents. Achtenberg was not threatened or harmed; I do not think that the presentation of demands constitutes violence. Disagreement with an individual who happens to be a woman and a lesbian is not an inherently misogynistic or homophobic act.

So much for absurdity. Let's talk about responsibility. Violence against women is real, and all too common. I know this. I am a survivor of rape and of (physical) dyke bashing. Yes, I want the community to sit up and take notice when a woman (a queer, a person of color, etc.) is harmed. Let's not discredit ourselves by crying wolf. We're seeing that various segments of the queer community have gained reputations for badly planned, poorly thought-out actions and statements. Let's not join them.

(If we want to talk about violence against women in this context, let's remember the physical and economic violence that drives young women and queers of all genders to the streets, to IV drug use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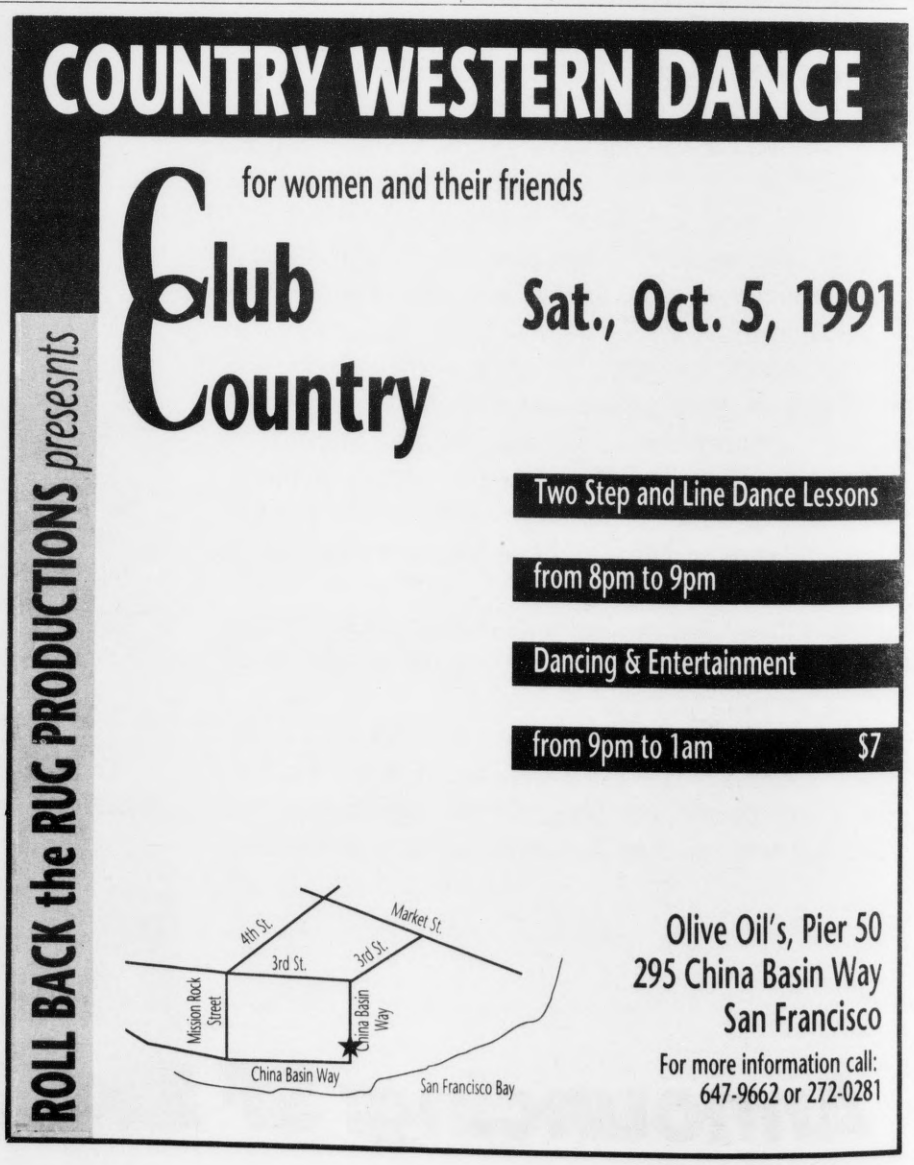

SF Bay Times Announces a Biweekly Schedule

After twelve years as a monthly newspaper, we are pleased to announce that starting with this issue, the San Francisco Bay Times will be published every other Thursday.

For years now, we've regularly been asked, "Why don't you publish more often?" At the same time, when we've hinted we might, readers have often expressed concern that we'll lose some of what makes us special—particularly our ability to cover issues in depth.

In-depth coverage and analysis is our trademark—and we trust that will never change, regardless of our publishing timetable. With a biweekly schedule, we hope to be in a position to respond more quickly to news and events. As the paper grows, we'll be able to provide a much broader diversity of coverage. And we'll always want to look at issues more thoroughly—we really can't help ourselves on that.

The paper will continue to run the entire Resource Guide as well as two-and-a-half weeks of Calendar in every issue. As for the Personals section and Letters to the Editor, they will remain the best of any paper in the Bay Area—or anywhere, for that matter!

Deadlines for all sections of the paper—personals, classifieds, calendar, letters-to-the-editor—will now be 6PM the Friday before publication. Our next issue will be out October 10; deadline will be October 4.

For the last 12 years, the most common complaint we've heard has been, "I can never find a copy of the paper!" The fact is that we've expanded to the point where we now have the largest press run of any gay newspaper in the country. As a biweekly, we'll gradually expand our distribution over the next year, so more of you can find us more regularly. We also welcome tips on places to distribute, or places to increase distribution. If your favorite restaurant/bookstore/bar doesn't carry the paper, or runs out too quickly, drop us a line.

The first twelve years have been great. It's hard to imagine a better community to publish a newspaper with. We're looking forward to the future with all of you.

See you October 10.

Kim Corsaro, Publisher,
and the Staff of the San Francisco Bay Times

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and sex work that increases their risk of HIV infection. These young women and men are in desperate need of the educational and preventative programs that Ms. Achtenberg helped to vote down. Young people are dying. Does this make the AIDS activists' anger more understandable?)

As a lesbian and an AIDS activist, I am distressed by the fact that LABIA's letter paints the AIDS activist community as misogynistic dyke-bashers. We have common goals. We all want to end violence against women, queers, PWAs and other "minorities." We all want to stop the needless suffering and death caused by AIDS. We all want to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions. Driving away our potential allies will help no one solve these problems.

Annette DuBois
San Francisco

Services For Young People

Thank you for your recent coverage of lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender youth needs, and of efforts to secure funding for a Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Youth Center (*Turning to Adults for Support: Money Not a Sure Thing For Center For Young Gays, SF Bay Times*, September 1991.

It is important however, to clarify some misperceptions which may have been generated by the aforementioned article. Comments attributed to us may be construed so as to convey the idea that existing services to homeless and high-risk young people, in particular services at Larkin Street Youth Center, are insensitive to the needs of sexual minority youth. In fact, services provided by Larkin Street and other programs in the San Francisco Homeless Youth Network have led the way in identifying and prioritizing the needs of homeless young lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people. Moreover, many members of Gay/Lesbian Youth Advocates (G/LYA) and the Youth Center Task Force serve as staff at these programs, and they have been committed advocates for the needs of the young people that the LYRIC center will serve.

It would serve no purpose to defend the need for a Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Youth Center by criticizing existing services for homeless, high-risk and/or lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender youth. It would also be inaccurate. Many lesbian/gay young people do comfortably use the services provided by Larkin and other programs for high-risk youth. The statement that some sexual minority youth do not access these services because they also serve, or are perceived to serve, young people who are hostile to lesbian/gay youth, does not invalidate the services that these programs offer. No social services program can be all things to all people, and agencies struggling to provide a high quality of services to the diverse groups of young people in our community need and deserve our ongoing support.

One other point: The editorial titled "It's Time to Support our Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual Youth" was mistakenly attributed to the two of us. In fact, the article was largely authored by Beth Kivel and Eric Ciasullo, writing on behalf of Gay/Lesbian Youth Advocates. However, the editorial reflects the collective opinion of G/LYA and it was our hope that it be so attributed.

Again, please accept our thanks for your recent article. We believe that this kind of attention is critical to developing the community dialogue and consensus necessary if San Francisco is to offer an appropriate level of support to its ten thousand lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adolescents and young adults.

Kristen Bachler & Eric C. Ciasullo
Gay/Lesbian Youth Advocates (G/LYA)

Sexual Objectification

I'd like to thank the *SF Bay Times* for maintaining a strong feminist perspective in fine book reviews such as Shane Snowdon's history lesson ("Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers," *SF Bay Times*, September 1991) where feminism is the focal point, and in covering once taboo issues such as lesbian violence and male homosexism. It's too bad that letter-writers Jim Lovette, Marshall Cason and Tamara Griffith (Letters, September 1991) seem so disturbed by feminist critique, and would happily usher us further into the "post" feminist '90's.

Sexism and homophobia in attitude and action from both within and outside our community hurt us all. Sexual objectification of anyone *is* harmful, even if some queer men feel that it is their right and some women feel it is insignificant. Having been grabbed all too often by men who think my body is their opportunity, Dave Ford's ("Touchy, Touchy," *SF Bay Times*, August 1991) article struck home. Having heard all too often that prostitution is how *we* support our youth, from some gay men and missing friends who were found dead in trash cans—killed by "supportive" customers, I find Mr. Cason's and Ms. Griffith's dismissal of the sexual objectification of men deeply insensitive, and severely lacking in any understanding of the relationship between sexuality and power.

Sexual objectification, rooted deeply in patriarchy, is the base of much physical violence against us as queers. We need to fight this in the straight world; we also need to understand how this affects us from within. While the male letter-writers seem to deny the existence of these issues, Ms. Griffith, looking for real lesbian news, seems to feel that reporting violence against queer men and women is sensationalism. How sad that her feminist awareness is so lacking here.

The flip side of sexual objectification is neutering. Where Mr. Cason emasculates younger men as "asexual," not knowing "what sex is," Ms. Griffith neuters not only most queer women, but also most queer men, claiming that bisexuals are genderless "guys, gals and bis" (Sorry Tamara, but bisexuals really do have genders).

The neutering of any queer people is oppressive and homophobic, and of queer women misogynist to boot. None of us—gay, lesbian or bi—are immune to having sexist attitudes.

Feminist perspectives are much needed. Thanks for the fine articles and commitment to the bisexual, gay and lesbian community.

P.S. To those who want news without issues, may I recommend *USA Today*.

Adam Seller
Berkeley

Caught Between Traditions

An open letter to Jacqueline Letalian:

Thank you for your letter in the September *SF Bay Times* Community Forum. It was such a relief to see in print that I am not alone in my experience, in my history. Like you my heritage is mixed Anglo and Native American. Like you I am made invisible and voiceless by the debate between Anglo and African Americans. Like you I have watched my family and community disintegrate under the violence and repression leveled against all native people. Like you I have felt the sting of racism's lash, but only recently did I identify it for what it is: Racism.

"You're too white to be Indian." How very subtle it is, one little sentence minus any heat, any derogatory language and I was cowed back into my place, *invisible*. So subtle it took me 15 years to recognize it for what it truly is. It took 15 years to get angry. It took 15 years too long—the last remnants of my community go under tract housing this year.

Sorry to dump that on you. I am sorry that I don't know you, that you were probably alone when you wrote that letter.

You know, I think that there must be a lot of people like us—people caught between traditions—out there in these cities, isolated and powerless.

There must be issues we have in common, issues to share.

Ah...pipe dream probably. Anyway thanks for speaking up. Maybe now I'll do the same.

Rick Cantryll
San Francisco

False Illusions

This letter is in response to the last two issues, which contained a Community Forum on racism. Hopefully, my letter can be of service to the com-

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LETTER INFO:

Deadline for letters to appear in the October 10 issue is October 4. Please type and double-space letters if at all possible. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. All letters must provide a name, address *and* phone number for verification. We will not publish anonymous letters or letters submitted only with pseudonyms, but will withhold your name on request.

The Examiner Takes on the Sex Clubs

Evolution Of An Exposé

BY DAVE FORD

Last summer, *Examiner* reporters began phoning gay sources about unsafe sex in South of Market gay sex clubs; they even phoned a *SF Bay Times* staffer for tips. Two weeks ago, rumors swirled about an impending Sunday, Sept. 15 front-pager on the clubs—a story that would reach the estimated 1.6 million readers of the Sunday *Chronicle/Examiner*.

On Friday, Sept. 13, the Mayor's office called what at first appeared to be a pre-emptive press conference vowing a club crackdown. Police closed The Church of the Secret Gospel that night; Michael Brownstone's Night Gallery closed voluntarily the same night. The next morning, the *Chron* ran reporter Michael McCabe's p. A-14 piece covering the press conference (which McCabe didn't attend), but not the closings.

On Sunday, the *Ex* indeed ran a sixty-inch piece by reporters Dennis Opatrny and Lisa M. Krieger, complete with a safe sex sidebar. The *Chron* ran a news piece detailing subsequent club closings early in the week, and the *Ex* followed with a Tues., Sept. 17, front-pager (below the fold in the one-star, above in later editions), also on the closings. Rob Morse ran a club-bashing *Examiner* column Wed., Sept. 18 (see accompanying article.)

In an interview last week, *Examiner* State Editor Kandace Bender said the *Ex* was "thinking about" the piece as long as nine months ago, but "put it on the back burner." When an *Ex* staffer with AIDS expressed concern about unsafe sex in the clubs, the paper dusted off the story. "The timing seemed right about a month ago," Bender said. Then the paper received a copy of the Aug. 19 "Concerned Citizen" letter blasting the clubs. "We thought, let's do our story now, because it's becoming an issue," Bender said.

Originally twice as long as the final version (Bender said "repetitive quotes" were axed), the story suffers the same sensationalistic tilt as the paper's two-part summer series on Polk St. clubs. A promising lead tying the clubs to an '80s debate — "Seven years after San Francisco's bathhouse controversy, sex clubs are doing a brisk business as gathering sites for playful, anonymous public sex"—quickly dissolves into lurid, non-playful descriptions of the Night Gallery and the Church.

Actors in "gay porno videos...perform unsafe sex acts." The "glory hole wall" is "a partition with holes that permit anonymous oral sex." "The maze-like layout forces those passing to touch or brush bodies." At the Church, "the rooms...are dimly lit and the floors are sticky," and "a viewing room [shows] gay porno videos with similar unsafe sex acts." Finally, "At both clubs, conversation is limited. The men are anonymous strangers passing silently and having sex in the dark."

Granted, the story notes that the gay community sero-conversion rate drop marks "the most dramatic behavior change in public health history, surpassing efforts to get people to quit smoking, to stop driving while drunk or to stop eating high-cholesterol foods." And it quotes gay- and sex-positive spokespeople, like Mike Shriver of 18th St. Services: "It is a faulty conclusion that public anonymous sex equals unsafe sex."

But the story's lasting impression is of shadowy figures, dark sex and sticky floors —the classic homophobe's grasp of gay sexuality.

"We tried to be really fair," Bender said. "We didn't approach this as a moral judgment or as be-

Photo by Rink

A Mural at The Church

Who's Bashing Now? Morse, Of Course!

BY DAVE FORD

Rob Morse's wacky Sept. 18 *Examiner* column features his by-now typical—and typically kooky—mix of invective and misinformation.

His lead: "Gay sex clubs are back on the scene, bringing with them unsafe sex, the possible spread of AIDS and lots of political cant about the cultural importance of anonymous sex to the gay community." (I don't know the big words either. "*Cant*, *n.*, 1. Insincere talk." —*Oxford American Dictionary*.)

Morse scoffs at the gay community's ability to monitor itself: "Self-regulation is a wonderful thing. Just ask Ronald Reagan." Morse may thus be the first journalist in history to equate the gay community with the president whose willfully ignorant AIDS inaction killed off a good portion of—*the gay community*.

Morse cites savings and loan companies, bond traders and speed-limit-violating motorists as examples of failed self-regulation, then, uh, *logically* urges government regulation of gay sex acts. "If we consider protection from dangerous drivers a government responsibility," he writes, "how about protection from an epidemic and those who would thoughtlessly spread it?" Protect us, Morse seems to be crying, from those dick-wielding queers! Let's see: if I drive too fast, invest unwisely and vote for Alan Cranston, and the government does nothing—I'll get AIDS? I *think* I understand the logic.

But wait—what about safe sex? "First of all," Morse snaps, "is there anyone in San Francisco, not to mention the gay community, who doesn't know what he needs to know about safe sex already?" Well, first of all, according to a companion piece to the big Sept. 15 *Ex* sex club story, "Those who are at greatest risk are men newly arrived in the City, those coming of age sexually or those with alcohol or drug abuse problems." So newcomers, young gays and practicing addicts might *not* know what they need to know about safe sex.

Er, that is, unless they spot a passing Muni bus. "Anybody who's read the side of a bus lately knows about safe sex," Morse writes. I *think* I understand the logic. Let's see: if newcomers, young gays and practicing addicts read the bus—they won't get AIDS? Morse: "A bus is a good vehicle for providing information about safe sex." As long as it's going the speed limit, is not a Cranston campaign vehicle, and is not circling SOMA sex clubs. Why? "A sex club is where *many* people go specifically so they can avoid the responsibility of safe sex." (My italics.)

Just as a newspaper is a place where *many* columnists go so they can avoid the responsibility of rational reporting. How many is Morse's "many?" Five? Two thousand? And how does Morse know this? Has he been to "a sex club?" I don't know: He never returned my calls.

But Morse is apparently familiar enough with the turf to assert that "*everyone* will go on doing you-know with as many people as possible—often with no more protection than a wish." (My italics.) Let's see: *Anybody* who's read the side of a bus lately knows about safe sex; *everyone* at sex clubs is doing you-know (could he possibly mean "you-know-*what*"?) with as many people as possible, which means they *don't* know about safe sex. Therefore, uh—sex-club-goers don't ride Muni? Sex clubs violate the speed limit? The Church is secretly a savings and loan? We're all thankful Alan Cranston no longer dyes his hair orange? I *think* I understand the logic.

Well, this is San Francisco, and it's not cool to tread on daily columnists' right to disintegrate into babbling, gay-bashing fundamentalists before our very eyes. "This is San Francisco," Morse writes, "and it's not cool to tread on people's right to pursue happiness in rooms with sticky floors, whatever the threat to the health of the community, nation and species." Hey, don't forget the earth, galaxy, universe, God—and Muni. After dismissing —you *knew* this was coming, didn't you?—"gay political types," Morse hails the "Elliot Ness"-like work of sex-club closing. "Just as Al Capone went to jail for tax evasion instead of bootlegging and murder," he writes, "[The Church] was shut down for reasons of fire safety instead of aiding and abetting an epidemic." Morse's conclusion? "Whatever it takes."

Let's see: if we don't dye our hair orange; if we drive slowly and peruse passing buses; if we invest wisely; if we're not new to the City, young and/or practicing addicts; if we watched Geraldo exhume Al Capone's vault; if we catch "The Avengers" reruns—*then* we won't get AIDS?

I *think* I understand the logic: Whatever it takes.

Clampdown on Gay Sex Clubs

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On September 14 the *Chronicle* carried the story. The following day the *Examiner*'s "expose" of the gay sex-club scene appeared—complete with allegations of unsafe sex in the clubs, although minus any descriptions of what constitutes unsafe sex.

Not since the bathhouse controversy, which led to their closure in 1984, has the straight world paid so much attention to the places gay men go to have sex.

Mayor Agnos vehemently denies the allegations of an anti-gay crackdown and declares he is acting in response to complaints about noise, overcrowding and safety hazards in the clubs. "I am not going to stand for people being put at risk because fire extinguishers are not there," he said. "The complaints concern fire hazards and safety—not morality. We are not in the business of legislating public morality." Both Agnos and the SFPD point out four straight dance clubs were shut down that night as well.

Agnos denies the Church's closure was a response to advance warnings he had about the Sunday *Examiner* story. He insists an anonymous letter received by his office on September 6 was the first he heard about the complaints. The letter alleged fire and public safety code violations, and accused Night Gallery of allowing vaguely defined unsafe sex practices to occur.

Clint Hockenberry, executive director of the AIDS legal referral panel, doubts the closure is an attack on either the gay community or sex clubs. "I do think there is a valid issue of fire hazards, [but] I share the concern that I don't want the government involved in my lifestyle." Norm Nickens, San Francisco Human Rights Commission staffer, asked what Agnos would gain by alienating the gay/lesbian vote. He added that a local sex club scandal is the last thing Agnos wants while AB101, a bill Agnos strongly favors, awaits the Governor's signature.

POLITICAL BUSINESS OR COALITION BUILDING?

Some sex-club insiders suggest the affair is the result of an economic war between some sex club owners being played out in the political arena.

"There is a lot of rivalry between them, and they would be quite capable of stabbing each other in the back," says one off-the-record safe sex-educator, who attended a meeting of the Coalition for Healthy Sex on September 17. (The Coalition is a group of sex club owners and safe sex educators formed to negotiate with the city over permits, and to try and avert police raids on clubs.) Other individuals present at the meeting suggested club owners are quite capable of calling in the Fire or Police department on a business rival—or deliberately accusing another sex club owner of calling the cops.

Father Frank charges $8 at the door for all the beer, soft drinks and hot dogs and hamburgers you can eat—and all the sex you can get. Despite the fact that anywhere up to 200 men may be there on a weekend night, he contends the door barely covers expenses. Father Frank asserts the "crackdown" is a dirty trick by members of the Coalition jealous of the success of his club.

The day after the Church was shut, Father Frank's gloryhole hotline was full of scabrous accusations that Buzz Bense was behind the closure. Bense, a leading Coalition member, safe-sex educator and former owner of the 890 Folsom safe-sex space, denies the allegations.

Bense, however, says a controversy has been in the offing for at least nine months: "I have been predicting that a paper would do an investigative article into the sex clubs," adding, "when it did, the shit would start flying."

Bense and the Coalition have worked for over a year with the SF Department of Public Health

and the SF Police and Fire Department to provide the clubs with information about fire and safety code regulations. The Coalition has also spent several months drafting a set of guidelines, released on September 17, suggesting how sex clubs can encourage safer sex in their spaces.

PUBLIC SAFETY OR FIRECODE HARASSMENT?

Finch maintains he is being persecuted by the Agnos administration and city officials. He alleges he has been scapegoated because the Church is not a member of the Coalition. "I did not see it had any relevance to what I was doing... The committee was unhappy I did not attend the meetings so they nominated me for enforcement," he asserts.

That is not how Lee Militello, gay/lesbian liaison to Police Chief Willis Casey, sees it. She says the SFPD first visited the Church in August 1990, and wrote a report listing a number of violations at the Church, including charging for and serving alcohol without a license and various health and safety code violations. "Frank Finch says he is a church, but a church needs a license: He operates after hours, and if he does that he needs a cabaret license," says Militello.

Militello and Finch consequently went to the SF permits bureau. Militello says she advised Finch which permits were needed and says he assured her the permits would be applied for, "But I have never heard from him again. I advised him that if I had another complaint I would contact him." Finch acknowledges he should comply with fire, occupancy and health and safety regulations, but denies the need for a cabaret license because he is a legally registered church. That argument is universally derided by city officials.

Then, according to Militello, as the summer of 1991 rolled around, the SFPD started receiving a "barrage" of complaints of noise, public urination and fire hazards—particularly during the past two months—directed at unlicensed clubs South of Market. She says the gay clubs taking the most heat were the Church and Night Gallery. Militello asserts it was those complaints which led to the closures, and rejects charges that the police action represents an attack on gay male sexuality.

Sharon Bretz, San Francisco Fire Commissioner, calls such accusations "absolutely irresponsible and spurious, because no one in the fire or the police department is interested in legislating morals. We do not want another incident like the New York social clubs where 87 people were burned to death because there were too few exits and they were locked."

Bretz says that when the fire inspector visited the Church there were over 100 people inside—double the legal occupancy level for an unlicensed dwelling. She says the fire marshall found improper building materials, a blocked main exit, too few fire escapes and bootleg wiring. She denies that the SFFD acted in response to pressure from the Mayor's office on September 13, and acted only after getting complaints from patrons of the clubs.

Patrick Leach, an outreach worker at 18th Street Services, is incensed with the way he feels the Mayor's office has turned the issue into a "political football." Even so, Leach states the Church is one of the most dangerous clubs in the city in terms of physical safety, and he argues the actual physical layout is not conducive to safe sex. Leach says it is dark, lacks wash-up facilities and only has condoms at the front desk.

Nonetheless, he argues that the issue should be handled by the gay community and not by city intervention. Noting that many of the complaints have come from gay patrons of the clubs, Leach growls, "I don't think they are truly concerned about the spread of HIV as much as they are concerned about the image that the queer community puts out to the rest of the world."

NIGHT GALLERY

"Where are the guys supposed to go at 2 a.m.?" complained Brownstone, who is a member of the Coalition. Night Gallery, which doubles as Brownstone's home, is closed until he works out how to comply with city fire and safety codes.

Brownstone says he began having *private* parties—with an entrance fee—because, "There is a real need to get us off the streets and into private apartments and private spaces. Come on, fag bashing is crazy in my street. Wouldn't they rather have them in my apartment than in the alleys?" Brownstone says, contrary to charges contained in the anonymous letter received by the Mayor, he and his roommates ask anyone practicing unsafe sex to leave.

With Night Gallery and the Church closed, Ringold Alley is once more thronged by cruising men: an estimated 100 men showed up the weekend after the closures. Night Gallery's closure has also temporarily left Klitz, San Francisco's first public sex club for women, without a home. But, "We're going to open again," says Basja, Klitz's founder.

Brownstone says he has been working with Militello so that Night Gallery does not violate cabaret permits by serving alcohol after hours, but he charges the SFFD consistently harasses him. Fire Commissioner Bretz, however, asserts Brownstone and the department are working

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ing titillating."

The story's second graf, however, says that "some [clubs] are clean, well-lighted places where unsafe sex is outlawed, while others are dark and dirty places where patrons say unsafe sex acts occur" —a simplistic dualism underscored by the glaring lack of "safe" examples. Bender agreed, and said *Ex* reporters had attended the closing party at 890 Folsom, and "were going to write about that, but it became moot because [the club] was closed."

As to the timing, Bender said *Ex* reporters "left calling the Mayor's office [for quotes] until late Thursday afternoon" so as not to stir the pot too early. When the paper received a Mayor's office "advisory" that night around nine, noting the next day's press conference, "We had some angry calls around here, trying to decide whether we should jam the [Sunday] story into the Friday paper, to stay on top of the news," Bender said. "Eventually, we decided we had a lot to say, so we went with Sunday."

Bender termed a late-night advisory "unusual," adding that "our contention is that [the Mayor's office] would not have sent such an advisory and called such a press conference" if *Ex* reporters hadn't phoned with questions.

"That's bullshit," Agnos press secretary Scott Shafer snapped last week. "Who did they call? They never called me for quotes." Shafer said he sent out the advisory Thursday night "because I was working late," and because he wanted to alert the media early to the last-minute press conference.

Shafer further contended that an issue the Mayor stressed at the Friday press conference got lost in the subsequent media firestorm: The crackdown involved not just gay clubs, but "social" and illegal dance clubs violating health and fire codes. The *Chron*'s McCabe noted as much in his Saturday story.

"[The press has] a prurient interest and isn't going to sell papers with news about dance clubs with straight kids from the suburbs," Shafer said. "I was mindful of wanting to emphasize that this was not a gay-only issue."

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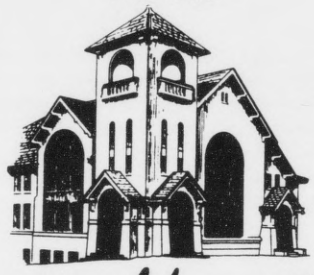

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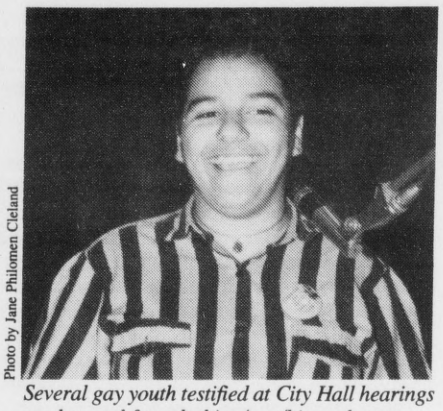
Queer Youth Speak Out

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

The chambers of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors was the scene for some stirring testimony from gay, lesbian and bisexual youth on the need for a youth center. A call to "Come Out for Gay and Lesbian Youth" by Gay and Lesbian Youth Advocates was met by around 100 people who filed into the auditorium to hear from members of the Lavendar Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) and adult advocates on Sept. 10.

Purple and lavender balloons tied to the pews lent the evening a festive air, and supporters handed out packets of information on the issues, as well as buttons. The panelists spoke from the seats usually reserved for the Supervisors, and the "VIPs," including Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, Board of Education member Tom Ammiano, and others sat outside the rail. When it was over, Achtenberg commented, "It's been a long time since we've heard such intelligence and sensitivity emanating from inside the rail. I'm here every Monday, so I know."

The evening was an opportunity for young people to have their say about their lives and needs. Each had five to seven minutes to speak, and most took the opportunity to tell a little about themselves and why they wanted a youth center. Alfonso Dias spoke on how he knew at 12 that he was attracted to men, but had nowhere to go to meet others in the same situation. Coming to San Francisco during his junior year of high school, he was in for a rude shock. "I assumed this was going to be a mecca for everybody, but I soon realized the mecca was only for an older crowd with money and position." LYRIC, he said, "helped me a lot. I wasn't as backward as I thought."



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Several gay youth testified at City Hall hearings on the need for a lesbian/gay/bi youth center.

Others echoed this pattern of being out to themselves, but not having a support network or place to go. LYRIC member Yvette Gomez, a senior in high school, said, "Where am I going to go at school? My friends are all straight. There's only so much I can do with them and be happy." She added, "It seems ridiculous there is no youth center already. I was born and raised in San Francisco. Everywhere I look it's older people having fun... I don't want to go to a bar... It's not a safe place."

The reality that the panelists were exceptions in even being publicly out was brought home by Gomez in response to an audience question. A man stood up and asked where all the young people were, as most of the audience were adults. Gomez, who had spoken about her difficulties in coming out to her mother, revealed that she was not yet out to her father. "It's hard for me to be

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Jackie Winnow

"Every time you speak out and act against injustice, you honor the life that I had and the life that you have."

Jackie Winnow, 44, longtime lesbian-feminist, activist and founder of the Women's Cancer Resource Center, died of metastatic breast cancer on September 7, 1991. Jackie, born Jackie Weinstein on April 28, 1947, dedicated her life to fighting oppression and bigotry in all its forms.

Jackie served as Coordinator of the Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Unit of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) from 1980 to 1990, making the unit the strongest governmental unit for lesbian and gay rights in the country. "Jackie was the one who developed this separate unit," said Larry Brinkin, friend and colleague. "She lobbied to make that happen." Her achievements at the HRC included organizing historic public hearings and writing reports on racism in the lesbian/gay community, on discrimination against people with AIDS, and on the rights of domestic partners. In fact, according to Robin Song, a longtime friend of Jackie's—domestic partnership was a particular issue of concern to Jackie. Her leadership in the lesbian/gay community and in the politics of San Francisco throughout the 1980s was crucial to the lesbian/gay community's increased participation in City politics, and to the struggle for lesbian/gay rights nationwide. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors adjourned their September 9 meeting in her honor.

Jackie was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1985, and soon thereafter founded and organized the Women's Cancer Resource Center in Berkeley, the first of its kind in the nation. This achievement was an unprecedented radical action that focused attention nationwide on both the epidemic of cancer in women and the government's lack of research and services dedicated to women with cancer. Organizing WCRC was another example of Jackie's commitment to women's struggles for empowerment. "She never believed in making peace with death," said Teya Schaffer, Jackie's spouse of over nine years. "Her political beliefs saw her through this."

Jackie was a strong and loving role model for scores of people who benefited from knowing her, or knowing of her. She was a writer, spokesperson, activist, and self-described "general big mouth" and "cat aficionada." According to Teya, Jackie saw herself as "someone who went through things." It was Jackie who changed her own name from Weinstein to Winnow, "like a *winnowing* fan separating the usable part from what can't be used."

Jackie is survived by her spouse Teya Schaffer, and her son, Asher, many dear friends, mother Lillian Weinstein and brother Jeffrey Weinstein (both of Florida), and sister Marcy Brown of London.

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst (at Martin Luther King Jr. Way). For information call Larry Brinkin at (415) 621-8907. Donations in Jackie's memory may be made to the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94705.

Gov. Pete Wilson Waffles on AB 101 Heavy Right-Wing Lobbying Stalls Decision

BY DAVE FORD

When the California State Legislature recently passed AB101—the measure adding "sexual orientation" to a state law prohibiting different employment discriminations—by a 42-to-30 vote, all eyes turned to Republican Gov. Pete Wilson. The burning question: Would he sign it into law?

Wilson must either sign or veto the bill by Oct. 13. (If he does neither, it passes into law.) During his gubernatorial campaign, Wilson voiced support for a legal measure outlawing hiring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

But right-wing opponents of the bill, including the ubiquitously tenacious Rev. Lou Sheldon, of the Traditional Values Coalition, have swamped Wilson with communiques vowing to yank future conservative support for the governor if he signs.

Indeed, conservative Republicans, already furious with Wilson for supporting new taxes, are rolling out the big guns: Some observers claim an anonymous threat to "out" one or more of the governor's aides originated in the conservative community. In press accounts last week, Wilson called the threat "contemptible."

Another burning question therefore quickly arises: What can we in the lesbian and gay community do right now?

"We need to write letters to urge Gov. Wilson to sign the bill," says Keith Johnson, Operations Manager of the Sacramento-based LIFE/AIDS Lobby. "People should sit down and recount, very briefly, their incidences of discrimination, if they've had any. Sometimes we don't report these things because there's no agency to report them to."

Johnson noted that fundamentalists opposing the bill are encouraged, "if not forced," to write letters each week in a coordinated anti-AB101 effort. He suggested the gay community needs to do the same.

"I can't believe there is a single gay or lesbian person in California who doesn't have the time to write a short letter," Johnson said.

The governor so far hasn't tipped his hand about the bill. But he expressed concern last week that the potential legal quagmire—including discrimination lawsuits—could, as he said on KRON-TV's *California This Week*, "impose burdens on small-business owners... that make them even less competitive."

But in an Aug. 19 letter to the governor, San Francisco Small Business Network (SFSBN) Chair Scott Hauge wrote that "[AB101's] enactment will impose no new burden on small businesses." Hauge added that some of the 11,000 small businesses the SFSBN represents have had good experiences with a local ordinance providing "remedy" to discrimination complaints through the Human Rights Commission.

California is past due for a sexual orientation nondiscrimination policy—like those already in place in Connecticut, Wisconsin, Hawaii, District of Columbia and Massachusetts. Gov. Wilson needs to hear our voices. Dare to add to the 10,000 daily comments his office is receiving regarding the bill.

Do we have a chance? LIFE/AIDS Lobby's Keith Johnson is hopeful.

"In the past, whenever any issue as serious as this has reached the governor's desk, it is dealt with on the last possible day," he said. "We remain optimistic he will sign this bill."

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BY BO HUSTON

The Brain Game

What's all this about gay people having different brains? (Oh, strike that; not gay people, but gay men; and gay men with AIDS at that.) This is a somewhat tricky issue.

Dr. Simon Le Vay of the Salk Institute claims he has found differences in the brain structure—no mention of bone structure—between straight men and gay men. The doctor found that in studying 19 gay men who had died due to AIDS, there was a smaller nuclei in the anterior hypothalmus than in heterosexual men. Le Vay has received a good deal of criticism, but, in fact, he admits his studies at this point are inconclusive. The work *suggests* that there is a biological basis for sexual orientation, which is an idea that many gay people support.

A crucial part of the gay agenda in recent years has been our certainty that homosexuality is something we're born with. We have rejected the notion of mental illness and the dominant mother/passive father theories drummed into the consciousness of previous generations. Our defense these days—and we are still called upon to defend being gay—is that we were born gay, that homosexuality is in fact not a preference but an orientation. We can't change. It's not our fault.

Obviously, implicit in all of this is an understanding that being gay is wrong or bad, and we ask society for some kind of compassion for our "condition," in lieu of respect for our "choices." The American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association confirm that homosexuality is not a mental illness, and, furthermore, studies show that there is no compelling reason to ascribe homosexuality to environmental factors. (These same institutions said exactly the opposite half a century ago, and who knows what they'll say in the year 2000?)

A CNN talk show recently featured Dr. Richard Isay, author of *Being Homosexual*, and Dr. Joseph Nicolosi, a clinical psychologist and author of *Reparative Therapy of Male Homosexuality*. Ostensibly, the program was to examine Le Vay's research, but became instead a debate between these two shrinks about whether homosexuals can change. (Lesbians, of course, were never even mentioned in the broadcast, or in the discussion generally; society seems to care very deeply about the causes and characteristics of gay men and not at all about lesbians.)

Nicolosi stammered his way through an inept description of homosexual men who are not really homosexual; they want to be heterosexual, they are tormented by their homosexual feelings and fantasies. Isay countered that the answer for such men is to be assisted in accepting their homosexuality, rather than trying to change it. Nicolosi claimed that reparative-type therapy is subverted by "political movements," by which I assume he meant gay organizations. That seemed to be stretching things a bit; gay people have so little power in society, it is hard to imagine that the research and opinions of the leading psychiatric institutions would bend to our social pressure.

It seems to me that there continues to be an urgency regarding the roots of homosexuality which speaks only to our fear and ignorance about sexuality itself. We seem unable to accept enigma or complexity.

Usually, homosexuals are pitted against religious types in the media. This discussion was more palatable than many because God, Jesus and the Bible were not mentioned once. Even so, quite clearly, gay people are up against *all* of society's beliefs.

It is striking how our collective cultural mind is set in the 19th century with regard to homosexuality. There is a general refusal to admit—and a complete inability to understand—that people are simply various. I have no problem with Le Vay or his work; presumably, his research is being done for its own sake, as science, without moral values attached to it. It is the reaction to his cursory results that is appalling. These two birdbrains on CNN had a bit of a hissy fight discussing the difference between homosexual desire and gay identity. (The host of the program appeared somewhat confounded.)

Obviously, I do not know if my anterior hypothalmus is different from some straight guy's. But what if it is? Can I have it removed? Can it be fixed? Perhaps this abnormality can be discovered before birth and altered then. What about other identities and temperaments? Surely there must be differences between Socialist and Capitalist brains. The brains of mean people versus the brains of sweet people.

I'm not anti-science. I wouldn't say: Don't do such research. But it does seem to me that there continues to be an urgency regarding the roots of homosexuality which speaks only to our fear and ignorance about sexuality itself. We seem unable to accept enigma or complexity.

Gay people are informed by this as well. Many gay people, it seems, are looking for evidence that our lives make sense; many factions within straight society are searching for a proof of what's normal. Studies in the 1950s and 1960s changed our perception of how homosexuality functions, but not what it is. We learned that there is a broad range of sexual behavior, far more diverse than anyone had believed; we learned that generally ten percent of any given population is primarily homosexual. This research should have allowed homosexuality to be taken out of the realm of the dark and sinister, and understood as natural; but homosexuality has become more problematical, rather than less.

One of the real ironies in the discussion about changing from homo to hetero is that "passing" is part of the gay experience. Is there any question that gay men can father children? Or be married, even happily so? Or function within straight society? And what has informed so much of gay experience is a reduction of all aspects of being gay to the aspects of sexual behavior. Trying to function in, accept and be accepted by, the heterosexual model—and then furtively pursuing homosexual activity—is our history; it's where we come from. So, we want our own model.

(They used to say that gay men were gay men because their hips were wider than straight mens'. My own theory is that gay mens' eyelashes are always longer than straight mens'.)

I'm gay, but that doesn't make me an expert on homosexuality. I am as dependent upon the findings of science as everyone else. I can state emphatically that I didn't choose to be homosexual. I have no idea how I got this way. But I *have* chosen to be gay. The discovery, or revelation, that I was homosexual presented a range of choices to me: what kinds of relationships to pursue, what alliances to form. These choices—stuck under the umbrella of "lifestyle"—were simply not available to generations before me.

So, it isn't the fact that this brain research is being done that bothers me. In fact, if they come up with conclusive evidence, 100 percent substantiated, that there is some difference between gay brains and straight brains, I don't feel particularly threatened. I am also not offended or angered by men who cannot cope with their homosexuality and are trying to change it. It is the narrowness of the conceptions about sexuality and identity in our culture which disturb me. Does anyone really think that a human being's sexuality can be chalked up to one or two causes? Can someone's entire emotional and erotic imagination be simply, summarily explained?

The obvious question is: What does it matter? But I can accept that it matters to someone. I do believe knowledge is enriching. But so is mystery.

Youth...

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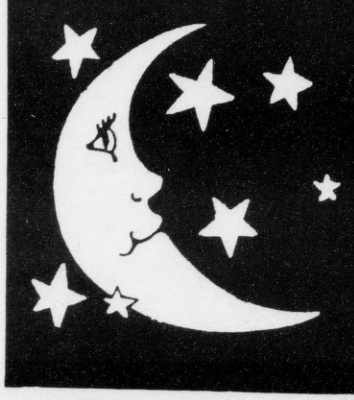
here... This is being taped for Channel 14, the Spanish language station that he watches 24 hours a day. I guess I'm out to him now."

Fighting back tears, Gomez continued, "You want to know where all the youth are? They're probably at home. They're probably somewhere else acting straight. They probably didn't even know. That's why we need a youth center, so we have a place where we can be comfortable." The audience responded with a standing ovation.

The fiscal realities governing the creation of a center for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth were raised as well. Beth Kivel, an adult coordinator of LYRIC, responded to a question on startup costs by saying, "We probably need at least half a million [dollars]." Greg Day, President of Coleman Advocates for Youth, put in a plug for Proposition J, which if passed, he said, "would bring new money to all of San Francisco's young people and children. We hope to get a nice chunk of that money."

Achtenberg pledged her continued support in getting the Board of Supervisors behind the center. She said she believes the Robbins bill money will come to San Francisco in "January or so. It's a beginning. We need to get the city development department to help fund the center." She added that, "it will need at least a comparable commitment from the private lesbian and gay community."



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closely together. Bretz says the main problem with Night Gallery is its layout: One of the three mandatory fire exits empties into an enclosed yard in violation of fire regulations.

Although Brownstone is willing to work with the city, he charges, "It's another attempt by the powers-that-be-assholes to legislate gay sex." Other sex clubs owners and operators who requested anonymity, however, do not feel the enforcement actions were directed at the gay sex clubs scene. B.G., a group-sex environment manager, snapped about the Church, "It is not a sexual issue when you have 400 people in a house that has one way out!"

RE-AWAKENINGS

The roots of the current controversy are based in a community that is just learning to celebrate its sexuality after 10 years of AIDS. The closure of any sex-related business touches nerves still raw from the bathhouse-closure controversy of the early '80s, when the sex practices of gay men became a subject for sex-phobic and homophobic debate. The subtext running through the sex club controversy is that public communal gay sex is inherently unsafe.

"Just because gay men are having sex does not mean that gay men are having unsafe sex," explains Mike Shriver, community liaison staffer at 18th Street Services. "I do believe that as a community we have the right to have safe healthy places to have sex. Sex club operators have a responsibility to their patrons... The last thing that you want if you go to a sex club is the fear of not being able to get out if the building goes up in flames."

Chuck Frutchey, a member of the Coalition and educational director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, sees the sex clubs operating like the bars in the '70s—catering to different sub-groups within the community—and he sees the Coalition as a kind of consumers' rights group. "Gay men realized they could demand better [bars] that were not fire traps," he says. "The same thing is happening with the sex clubs: People are realizing as consumers they can demand more."

Not only is the community relearning sexuality, there is also a constant influx of gay, lesbian and bisexual people from all over the country; and safe sex educators say that makes keeping the clubs open essential. "The sex clubs represent at some level a great marriage between education and information about safe sex, and actual places to practice safe sex," says Shriver.

The difficulty is that virtually everyone who has gone to the clubs acknowledges that unsafe sex, while not the norm, is by no means infrequent. Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the Department of Public Health AIDS office, has been working with the Coalition to encourage the development of safe sex guidelines for the clubs. "Our primary purpose is to get the community to put pressure on itself," she says. "The majority of the people working in this have been leaders

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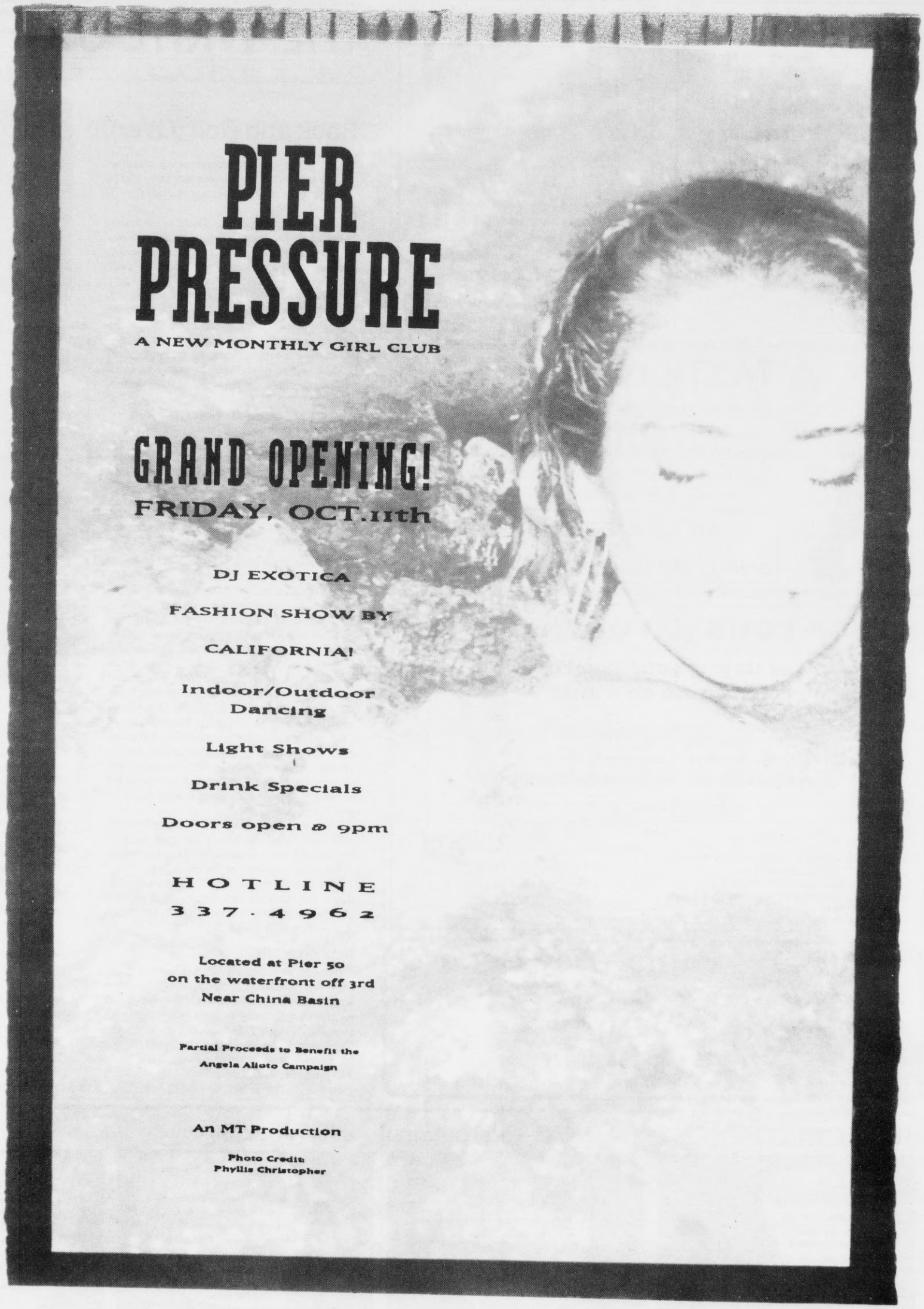

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THE WRITE STUFF

BY DAVE FORD

Rock and Roll (Over)

With regards to the alternately cheering and vituperative responses to my recent personal-issues essays, a confession: I am now *biweekly*.

Issues-trendiness? Nah: There's room for diversity in the journalistic community. Why, therefore, should I declare myself either *weekly* or *monthly*? I'll say it loud: I'm *bi*, and I'm *proud*!

BOWIE KEEPS SWINGING— BUT WHICH WAY?

His band (Tin Machine) was loud, and he looked proud: formerly biweekly—er, *bisexual*—and formerly interesting singing star David Bowie surprised radio biz conventioneers (and your correspondent) with a Sept. 12 performance at tiny Slim's, on 11th St.

From a foot away, two things came clear: She wears more makeup than Divine (and it's equally tasteful); and, judging from an ad-libbed lyric in "Heaven," Bowie is a *?WM, 44, good shape, fading career, seeking back door man*. Hissed the moussed and penciled one: "F-F-F-F-F-FUCK ME!"

CAN'T YOU SEE? YOU'RE EVERYTHING I'D HOPED FOR!

At a (very loud) 1975 Rolling Stones Madison Square Garden concert, "bisexual" singer Mick Jagger (a one-time Bowie boyfriend) introduced superfunky, Afro-bewigged keyboardist Billy Preston thus: "He's staying at the St. Moritz, and he likes white boys!" Jagger failed to specify that Preston, the former Beatles sideman who penned the '70s disco hits "Nothin' From Nothin'," "Outta Space" and "Will It Go Round In Circles," apparently likes *young* white boys.

According to an Aug. 22 *Malibu Times* front-pager, Preston was arrested in Malibu Aug. 18 "on charges of sexually assaulting a teenage boy." Preston, 45, allegedly picked up the 16-year-old and, "began smoking cocaine...and showing him sexually explicit photos of males and females." Preston then drove the boy to a barn and "assaulted" him.

The youth "escaped" and contacted police, who later found Preston in the barn with "a 19-year-old man who said he had been picked up in the same location" as the other boy.

Nowhere did the *Malibu Times* (a *weekly*) indicate that Preston serenaded his dates with the hit he wrote for British crooner Joe Cocker: "You Are So Beautiful To Me."

NEW ID ON THE BLOCK

Guns N' Roses singer W. Axl Rose, 29, told (biweekly) *Rolling Stone* two years ago that when he hitchhiked from Indiana to Hollywood as a teen, he was sexually attacked by an older man (not Billy Preston). He added that he doesn't "understand" homosexuality; that's why he and his friends used to drive down L.A.'s Santa Monica Blvd. screaming at fags. This was all in convoluted defense of his "One In A Million" lyric, from the LP *GN'R Lies*, excoriating "niggers and faggots."

Photo by Michael Cooper

Mick Jagger & Billy Preston on the Stones' 1975 tour.

This year, Rose appeared to sing (screech?) a gentler tune. Obviously troubled, he recently underwent five-sessions-a-week therapy. He told the Sept. 5 *Rolling Stone*: "I have to retrain myself [about] my sexual attitudes and attitudes toward women... I went through some heavy things in childhood. I formed really strong, serious opinions...and have been acting on them ever since." Perhaps by way of explanation, he added: "I'd like to be part of an organization working with...sexual abuse and child abuse."

A gentler tune—not. All this seems in convolutedly pre-emptive defense of lyrics on the (admittedly, great) new GN'R LPs, *Use Your Illusion I & II* (which critics liken to the Stones' *Exile On Main St.*): "I call my mother/She's just a cunt now" ("Bad Obsession"); "Back off, back off bitch/Back off, back off bitch" ("Back Off Bitch"); "I know this chick she lives down on Melrose/She ain't satisfied without some pain/Friday night is goin' up inside her...again/Well crack the whip/'cause that bitch is just insane/I'm serious" ("Pretty Tied Up").

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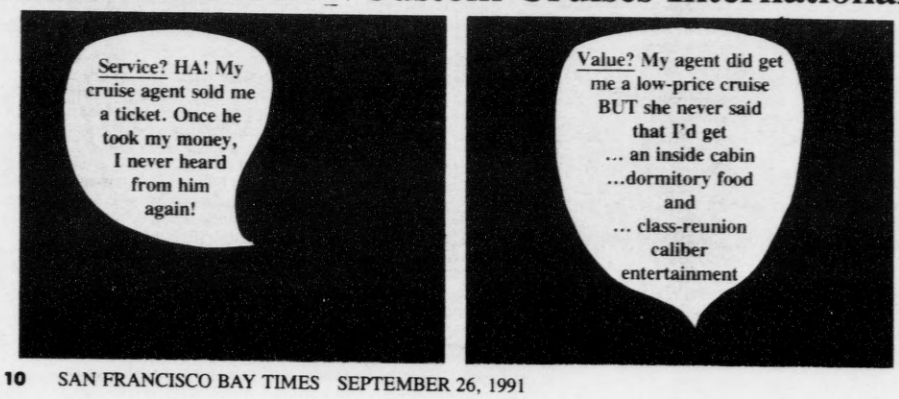
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Bowie's makeup, Axl's defense, Bach's repent, the Times' *inclusiveness: Can Billy Preston be far behind?*

BACH TO THE FUTURE

Pouty, androgynous, 23-year-old Skid Row lead singer Sebastian Bach, who wears more makeup than David Bowie (and, therefore, Divine), offended queers last year by wearing a T-shirt reading, "AIDS: Kills Fags Dead."

Now he's singing (shrieking?) a repentant tune. The heavy metal crooner told the Sept. 9 *People* (a *weekly*) that when a 12-year-old fan enthused, " 'Hey, I hate faggots, too,' I thought, that's not cool to spread an emotion like that. I have good friends who are homosexual. I don't represent gay-bashing." Bach added in a Sept. 5 pre-MTV Video Music Awards interview that a "really, *really* good" gay friend had changed Bach's mind.

Bach's band (which does not include Billy Preston) is supporting its chart-topping LP *Slave To The Grind* by opening for the hard-rocking Guns N' Roses' sold-out world tour. A case of "Youth Gone Wild"—with insight. I'm *serious*.

OH, JUST A HARBOR TOUR AND A DOUBLE BED, THANKS

New York Times Deputy Travel Editor Nancy Sharkey's Sept. 6, 2,500-word piece on luxury hotel concierges posited three imaginary weekend visitors for whom the concierges concocted "exciting" city tours.

The visitors included a family, a rich widow—and, astonishingly, "a gay couple from Los Angeles in their 40s, both in the entertainment industry. They've been to New York many times and think they've seen it all. They're looking for something new and different to do."

David Bowie and Mick Jagger? Billy Preston and a disguised high school junior? Alas, no. "What I had in mind was my uncle, who lives in L.A. with a long-standing lover," Ms. Sharkey told me in a phone interview. "I thought, 'What would they like to do?' " She created the gay couple partly to challenge the concierges ("Nobody blinked"), partly because "the gay travel market is *huge*."

Her editors "were grateful for the idea, because they've been looking for a way to include gays as part of 'regular' coverage." The concierges? "They were *more* enthusiastic about coming up with ideas for the gay travelers, because they figured there would be more income to spend," Ms. Sharkey said. "And their suggestions for the gay men were the most interesting to me, as a New Yorker."

Sure, some concierge suggestions ranged from the anachronistic (Sunday brunch at the Russian Tea Room) to the suspiciously slumming ("a gospel tour of Harlem, stopping at the Abyssinian Baptist Church"). And, yes, we're talking about rich, white gay men. But the mere fact that the *Times* (which—not to *judge*—is a *daily*) is casually representing gay readers slams the paper into the '90s. (Seriously.)

SPURTS

• Good *Times*, bad *Times*: David Margolick's Sept. 6 *NY Times* "Living Arts" piece on scholar Jon Wiener's search for John Lennon-relevant FBI files uses the word "Imagine" three times in the first graf, and says that Wiener's "magical mystery tour through the Federal bureaucracy" leaves him with "a long and winding legal road...before him." Help! (P.S.: "Magical Mystery Tour" and "Long And Winding Road" were "Paul songs." Billy Preston played keyboards on "Let It Be." Mick Jagger sang on "All You Need Is Love." David Bowie idolized John Lennon. Axl Rose covers McCartney's "Live And Let Die" on the new GN'R LP. Sean Lennon remade "Give Peace A Chance." Yoko is still an "artist.")

• Steven Gaines' Sept. *Vanity Fair* Halston profile quotes a former boyfriend: " [W]e were in the bedroom watching TV and Elizabeth Taylor called for Halston's advice about her love life... [T]here was a Burger King commercial on TV, and Halston's advice to [her] was 'Have it your way.' "

• Nice Peter Wilkinson-penned, Oct. 3 *Stone* Pee-Wee cover story. On the TV show: "There was polymorphous sexuality afoot, primarily in the form of Pee-Wee. And straight and gay sexuality, in the persons of the Playhouse guests." Also, *great* to see Pee-Wee on the Sept. 5 MTV Video Music Awards. Smirking Sept. 6 *Chron* head: "MTV Crowd Gives Pee-Wee a Hand."

• Weird headlines? Twisted clippings? Gay news? Gossip (celebrity—Bowie, Billy Preston, etc.—or otherwise)? They make this column run; you do too. Send to: *The Write Stuff*, c/o *SF Bay Times*, 288 7th St., SF 94103. I'm serious. *Seriously*.

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

Angiogenesis Inhibitors: New Approach to Cancer, KS Treatments

An entirely new kind of cancer treatment has been successful in animal tests and is now being prepared for human trials. This new class of drugs works by blocking angiogenesis—the growth of blood vessels which tumors need to nourish themselves. These drugs may be useful against most if not all solid tumors, whether AIDS-related or not—and also against Kaposi's sarcoma (KS).

The two leading drugs of this class are AGM-1470, being developed at Harvard Medical School, and SP-PG, developed by Daiichi Pharmaceutical in Tokyo and tested for KS in animals by Robert Gallo, M.D., and others at the National Cancer Institute. In addition, several major U.S. pharmaceutical companies are developing other anti-angiogenesis drugs. This article will look at AGM-1470 as an example of this new class of potential cancer and KS treatments.

ANGIOGENESIS IN CANCER AND KS

"Angiogenesis" means growth of new blood vessels. Cancers which form solid tumors must rely on the body's machinery to grow new blood vessels, or else the tumor cannot nourish itself and therefore cannot usually grow large enough to be harmful.

Angiogenesis not only allows solid tumors to grow, it also makes them more dangerous because they are more likely to metastasize—spread elsewhere in the body through the bloodstream. The new blood vessels in the tumor increase the chance of cancer cells getting into the blood, especially since the tumor's blood vessels are often imperfectly formed. A recent study reported that human breast cancers which became metastatic had many more blood vessels than those which did not.

In normal adults, new blood vessel growth occurs only in wound healing and other special situations. If a drug could stop new blood vessels from forming, it could be taken for life to stop further growth of existing tumors—with short interruptions when necessary for wound healing.

What about Kaposi's sarcoma? Although this disease is often called a cancer, it is usually not a true malignancy. Instead, KS lesions are caused by abnormal growth of blood vessels (in other words, angiogenesis). So a drug which stopped this growth should be useful as a KS treatment, as well as a cancer treatment.

Why do the blood vessels grow when they should not? The cause seems to be a disorder of chemicals called growth factors—chemicals which serve as messengers between cells, and can act in very small amounts to affect cell growth. In KS, certain cells seem to be transformed so that they produce abnormal growth factors, causing blood-vessel growth and producing the KS lesions. In cancer, the tumor cells produce growth factors which cause the new blood-vessel growth, which nourishes the tumor.

Almost every cell in the human body contains all the body's genes—including, for example, the genes required for the various steps of the process of growing new blood vessels. Fortunately, most of the genes are turned off most of the time. Scientists are intensely interested in understanding what regulates the genes, but so far most of the answers are not known. Today there is great interest in growth factors—about 100 are known so far—because they have major effects in regulating cells.

Blood-vessel growth is caused by activities of the endothelial cells which line the blood vessels; it is a complex process requiring a number of steps. The abnormal blood vessels seen in cancer consist of normal endothelial cells (which remain normal, although they have malfunctioned because of abnormally high levels of growth factors).

AGM-1470 does not appear to affect the growth factors themselves. Nor does it attack all growing cells, as cancer chemotherapy does. Instead, AGM-1470 acts on normal endothelial cells to prevent new blood vessels from starting to grow, and on growing vessels to inhibit their further expansion.

ANGIOGENESIS AND AGM-1470

Angiogenesis was first proposed as a target for cancer drugs in the early 1970s by Judah Folkman, M.D., of Harvard Medical School. The idea first met with disbelief and skepticism, probably because it is so different from other approaches for treating cancer. And in the beginning, there was no way to develop anti-angiogenesis drugs, because no one knew how to test potential drugs for their effect on blood-vessel growth. Dr. Folkman first had to learn how to culture blood vessels, and then needed to develop practical tests for the activity of candidate drugs.

The discovery of AGM-1470 started with a laboratory accident. Donald Ingber, M.D. (see interview below) was culturing capillary endothelial cells when one dish became contaminated with a fungus. Dr. Ingber noticed that the fungus produced a substance that induced cell

"We want patients to understand the opportunity and doctors to understand that there's something different out there."

rounding, which his previous work showed was associated with inhibition of capillary growth. Further research showed that this substance was fumagillin, a drug developed in the 1950s for treating amoebas and other intestinal parasites, but largely abandoned today.

Use of Dr. Folkman's tests confirmed that fumagillin could inhibit angiogenesis. However, animal tests showed that this drug was not promising as a cancer treatment because the doses required were toxic; animals lost weight and the drug had to be discontinued. Drs. Ingber and Folkman then began working with Takeda Chemical Industries, which had the facilities to synthesize hundreds of chemical variants of fumagillin for further testing. The best fumagillin analog to emerge from this process was AGM-1470.

AGM-1470 has been found to be effective against a number of solid mouse tumors, including breast cancer, colon cancer and melanoma; against tumors in three different animal species—mice, rats and rabbits; and also against human tumors implanted into immune-deficient mice. It has worked against every solid tumor tested so far. The cancers do not disappear, but they stop growing, and metastasis is greatly suppressed. Studies are now underway to determine if AGM-1470 could be combined with conventional cancer treatments; the latter would shrink the tumors, while AGM-1470 would prevent further growth.

In the animal tests so far, little or no toxicity has been seen. In contrast to fumagillin, AGM-1470 allows animals to gain weight, even while the tumors are shrinking.

One advantage of AGM-1470 and other anti-angiogenesis drugs is that there is no problem with the blood-brain barrier, with tissue absorption, or with any other barrier to getting the drug to the site of action. Since these drugs act at the endothelial cells which line the blood vessels, they only need get into the bloodstream (for example, by injection) to be delivered directly to their site of action everywhere in the body.

Also, for reasons explained in the interview below, drug resistance would not be expected to be a serious problem with this class of drugs as it is with cancer chemotherapy. No drug resistance to AGM-1470 has yet been found. More exacting tests are now ongoing to see if any may exist.

The U.S. press has largely missed this story of angiogenesis inhibitors as cancer treatments. We hope that this article, and the interview below, will help alert the press and the public to a major emerging development in the treatment of both KS and cancer.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. INGBER

Dr. Donald Ingber is assistant professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School, and also on the faculty at Children's Hospital and at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. We interviewed him by phone on September 11.

(AIDS Treatment News) What is happening now with cancer results in animals?

(Ingber)We have shown that a variety of different mouse tumors responded to a synthetic analog of fumagillin. We called this class of fumagillin-related compounds "angioinhibins."

We now have found that the results are not limited to mouse tumors; we have found similar effectiveness in inhibiting the growth of solid tumors in rats and rabbits. And we tested some human tumors in human cells growing in immuno-compromised mice. In all these systems, we continue to find that a variety of different tumors, and now tumors in different species, are sensitive to the drug.

Have there been any failures, any solid tumors that this drug did not work on?

Not to my knowledge. We haven't found any.

What about side effects? Has AGM-1470 been tested in larger doses than necessary to inhibit tumor growth?

That is currently under way. We are doing the tests needed to bring the drug to phase I trials. I have not heard specific results yet; that work is being carried out in Japan.

In our studies, when we did dose ranging in the past and went to very high doses, we did see some weight loss; but that's far above the dose that we used normally. At the dosage at which the drug is very effective in inhibiting tumor growth, we still see weight gain. When there is significant toxicity, the animals usually lose weight—and then it can be hard to tell if the tumors are shrinking due to a specific anti-cancer effect of the drug, or because of generalized toxicity. For this reason, we believe it is very significant that the animals continue to gain weight while the tumors remain small.

Do tumors shrink much, or just not continue to grow?

The drug primarily inhibits further growth and expansion. Tumors stay small or slightly decrease in size. In humans, one approach might be surgery to remove a tumor, then put the patient on an anti-angiogenesis drug for life. For example, in breast cancer, physicians have tools to see it when it is small. They can remove it surgically, and patients do fairly well. But many of the women come back with metastases a few years later. This is something that might be prevented with this drug.

Another example is colon cancer. Fifty percent of certain classes of colon cancer will come back with metastases after surgical removal; you don't know which patients will develop metastases, and there is no way to inhibit them. In theory, if AGM-1470 works in humans the way it works in animals, even if there are small nodules of tumor cells already implanted—which is what people think goes on with metastases—they will not grow at distant sites.

"Micrometastases" survive off diffusion of oxygen and nutrients. They can grow to approximately a cubic millimeter in size. In autopsies of people with cancer you find many of these small nodules. But they will not kill patients as long as they do not start growing. Once they start growing, often many begin to grow simultaneously, and then it's rampant.

What do you see as most important at this time?

My own view is that if this agent does not work, there will be another one like it in the future. AGM-1470 is the first progenitor of a new class of anti-cancer drugs with a totally different mechanism than conventional chemotherapy, which means they may have to be used in a totally different way. It will be confusing not only for patients to think about, but also for doctors.

Patients think chemotherapy means toxic effects: you lose your hair, you vomit, and you lose your immune response and get infections. All three of those side effects of chemotherapy are due to drugs which inhibit the growth of every kind of rapidly proliferating cell. The most rapidly proliferating cells are your hair follicles, your intestines, and your immune cells, which is why you get those three side effects from chemotherapy.

Angiogenesis inhibitors do not work that way, so they should not have those types of side effects. They offer a new type of therapy that has to be viewed in a different way.

Doctors now think you have to kill the tumor cells. Angiogenesis inhibitors often have no effect on tumor cells at all; tumor cells in culture can grow as well in the presence of AGM-1470 as if the drug were not there. You're inhibiting the tumor cells indirectly by inhibiting the blood vessels. The lack of oxygen and nutrients inhibits tumor cell growth. So you might not use this treatment the same way as a cancer drug where you're trying to get tumor kill. In classic cancer drugs, you have concerns with tumor cell resistance. That should not be as big a problem with anti-angiogenesis drugs.

Doctors will have to try this drug, recognizing that it may require a different type of administration or regimen than used before. For example, AGM-1470 might be useful as an adjunct. You might shrink the tumor using existing drugs, while preventing its regrowth using anti-angiogenic drugs. These ideas will need to be brought out again and again over the next few years.

Do tumors develop resistance to AGM-1470?

We haven't seen any resistance yet. Dr. Folkman's lab is currently exploring whether resistance can develop, to see if this is a major advantage of the drug. So far it seems to be a major advantage.

If you stop the drug in a treated animal, the tumor starts growing, and if you restart the drug, the tumor stops growing again. Most conventional cancer drugs can shrink a tumor, but if you stop treatment the tumor comes back, and if you give the drug again there is often no effect.

The reason we do not expect resistance with anti-angiogenesis drugs, or would expect much less, is that the target cell is a normal endothelial cell, and there is much greater fidelity in its repair and replication processes. Tumor cells are much more inaccurate than normal cells. They have a higher rate of mutation, as each time they divide there are errors being made. That increases the chance that drug-resistant variations will develop. So we would expect to see much less resistance develop in animals that are treated with anti-angiogenesis drugs than we see with conventional cancer chemotherapy. That's what we have seen in the animals, but again we don't know what will happen in humans.

The major advantage of this drug, and the reason we have seen low toxicity, I believe, is that AGM-1470 does not kill the endothelial cells (or any other cells). It stops growing endothelial cells from proliferating further, and stops non-growing endothelial cells from beginning to grow. For example, some of the cells in your intestine are growing all the time, with a replacement time of about three days. That's why if a cancer drug kills growing cells, you have problems with your digestive tract, such as nausea and vomiting.

Endothelial cells that line your blood vessels have turnover times of the order of once every thousand or ten thousand days. They normally don't grow, except when you have a wound, or in other special cases. So if you use a drug that only inhibits growing endothelial cells, it will not affect normal vessels. But if a capillary cell begins to grow because of a tumor, the drug will inhibit it. That's why we think we are getting specificity and low toxicity. In animals, at sites other than where the tumor is, the cells do not appear to be affected by this drug.

Has AGM-1470 been tested against KS in animals?

This drug is going into phase I clinical trials, and to expedite the process we decided to do it through the National Cancer Institute, in cooperation with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Patients with Kaposi's sarcoma would be among the first to receive the drug—along with those with cancers, although it is not yet clear which types of tumors will be targeted first. Breast and colon cancers would be excellent candidates, for the reasons I described above.

Now we are doing the toxicology and other tests for pre-clinical development—giving high doses and looking for side effects, studying pharmacokinetics, choosing the formulation, deciding how it will be administered and stored, making sure the drug is pure, etc. This is going quite well right now. We are ready to try AGM-1470 with patients once it has gone through those protocols.

This work will be done in the same way and at the same speed whether or not we test the drug against KS in animals. Recently we have had a limited drug supply for such animal tests, because we are using large amounts of it in the studies mentioned earlier.

In other words, the same steps have to be followed whether or not you run KS tests in animals?

Yes. And the data is so good with other tumors, the FDA and NCI and NIAID all feel this drug could go into humans as soon as it meets the criteria for phase I. My own view is that whether it worked or did not work for KS in animals, we would probably try it for KS in humans anyway.

I've given two talks to AIDS meetings and both times people have asked why it is taking so long. It's not taking long at all. We went to the government people only at the end of last year. We need to get these final studies done; basically we have the OK to move to phase I when we do all the standard studies that are required for phase I. It's been very quick from the government end.

Why was there so much scientific skepticism in the past?

The concept of angiogenesis as a target for anticancer drugs was pioneered by Dr. Judah Folkman. When he first presented it in the early 1970s, because it was different, many people resisted the idea. When I read the AIDS media today, I feel that you are well informed about science and give a good critique, asking why people keep doing the same things. There are always people trying to do new things, but their voices are not always heard.

We published studies of many angiogenesis inhibitors in the past; this is the first one that we have felt comfortable going all the way with. Some groups might take the first drug that has any activity in an animal and try to quickly move it into the clinic. We did not want one to turn out to be just moderately effective, or questionable. That may be why AGM-1470 has not been in the media that much. If anything we have tried to minimize the media.

However, I think it is important to get accurate information out. We want patients to understand the opportunity, and doctors to understand that there's something different out there.

Note: Trials are not recruiting at this time. The first human study is unlikely to begin before winter, and it could be later than that, depending on results of further toxicity tests. The earliest human trials will probably be conducted at the U.S. National Cancer Institute. AGM-1470 will be called TNP-470 when it enters clinical trials.

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munity by promoting more knowledge among its members. First of all I'll describe myself somewhat so that people can get a sense of where I'm coming from. I am Hispanic, and although I am fluent in Spanish and understand my cultural heritage pretty well, I believe it is best not to dwell on it too much. I see some truth in Krishnamurti's belief that if one calls oneself an Indian or a European, a Muslim or a Christian, or anything else—one is violent because one is separating oneself from the rest of mankind.

For those of you who are interested in following up on the subject of racism (and prejudice), Dr. Francis L.K. Hsu, a psychological anthropologist has written a very good article on that matter in the journal called *American Anthropologist* (February 1973). The article is titled "Prejudice and its Intellectual Effect in American Anthropology." On the second and third pages, Hsu says: "If some readers find in the content of what follows confirmation of racism in America, they should realize that my purpose is not to expose racism as such. Racism cannot be eradicated and racist attitudes may even be hardened by exposes, although some exposes are necessary to define the problem."

Dr. Hsu has also written a book called *Americans and Chinese—Passage to Differences*. There is a 1981 edition and it is put out by the University of Hawaii Press. A good book by J. Krishnamurti is *Education and the Significance of Life*. Starting on the first page the author states how all over the world people think so much alike. I have been able to observe this myself over the past few years. We still have a very long way to go before differences can be generally accepted and people get rid of their hang-ups and stupid false illusions.

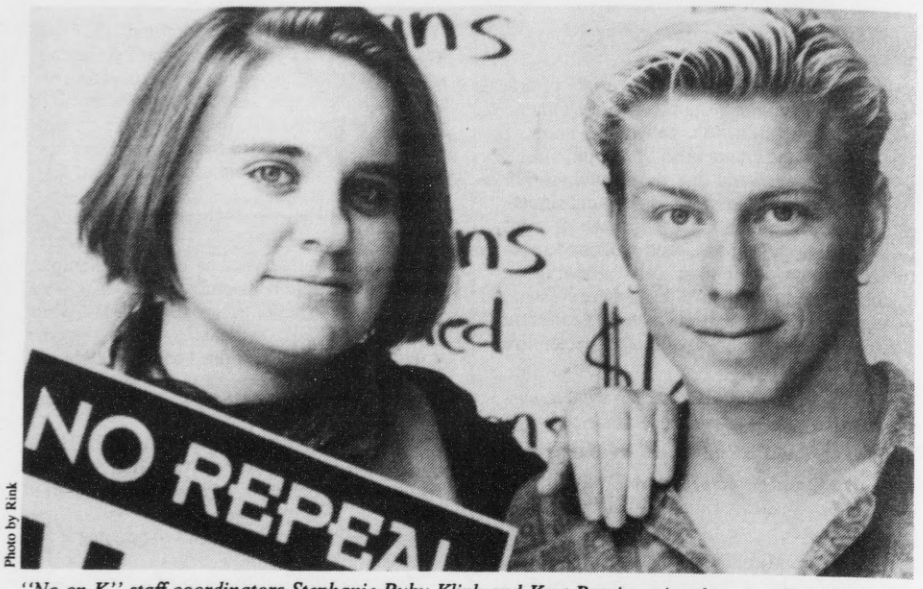
Jaime Cader
San Francisco

FBI Seeking Feminists?

Feminists beware! The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is trying to crawl out from under its rock and ingratiate itself as an "equal opportunity employer" and friend of progressive movements.

At the July National Organization for Women (NOW) National Conference in New York City, NOW leaders welcomed the FBI by providing them an exhibition booth to recruit from and by accepting an ad for the program book which appealed to women to "enhance your wardrobe" with a gun and an FBI identification card!

Do they think that feminists have forgotten vicious FBI campaigns of spying and bloody terrorism against political dissent in the United States?



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"No on K" staff coordinators Stephanie Ruby-Klink and Kurt Barrie—give them a call at 252-5638 to help stop repeal of domestic partners legislation in San Francisco.

The FBI honeymoon with NOW leaders was quickly disrupted by conference participants who immediately began to organize to oust the FBI. New York Radical Women distributed a leaflet detailing the FBI's lurid history as the U.S. secret police and urged conference participants to demand that the FBI be kicked out for illegal spying and harassment. NOW members from Gainesville, Florida, initiated a resolution against the FBI presence and dozens of participants in a speakout protest at the FBI booth vented their rage by condemning NOW leaders for admitting the FBI. The protesters then dismantled the FBI's exhibit. Due to the outcry, the FBI did leave the conference.

It is critical that all feminists follow the example rank-and-file activists set at the NOW conference and organize against any FBI presence in our movement. The FBI has a history of spying on and harassing feminists and disrupting the women's movement. (See "The FBI Was Watching You," *Ms* magazine, June 1977.) The FBI's COINTELPRO was directly responsible for murdering Black Panther Party leaders and other Black activists. FBI terrorism has also been used against the American Indian Movement and Puerto Rican *independentistas*.

The FBI regularly burglarizes movement offices, beats and harasses activists, and has helped institutionalize all types of governmental covert action against political movements.

Have national NOW leaders forgotten the lessons of the past or decided to abandon allies of feminists who have been targeted by the FBI? Allowing the FBI to promote a friendly public image gives cover to its spies and police agents to penetrate more deeply into our movements and confers legitimacy on the FBI's brutal, repressive tactics.

Don't talk to the FBI and don't let them sweet-talk their way into our movements.

Roanne Hindin
Bay Area Radical Women
San Francisco

Robbed Of Life

Recently an obituary appeared in the *Bay Area Reporter* (B.A.R.) for Scott Hansen (aka "Leo Loveslife," aka "Mike"), who died of a heart attack following bacterial pneumonia in New York. Scott/Leo/Mike was an acquaintance who I have known since 1987. At that time, I knew he was HIV-positive, had some ARC symptoms at one time, and was a male prostitute. I do not wish to cast any negative aspersions on prostitution in general—I, too, have plied the world's oldest profession for longer than most male whores dare!

But, what bothered me about Scott/Leo/Mike was that he had certain beliefs about HIV that he felt entitled him to continue fucking men without rubbers *while knowing he carried the virus*. Scott shared this fact about himself at group level at a number of 12-Step meetings in San Francisco, as a result of which he acquired many enemies. At the same time, his program of recovery was admired by many others who chose to overlook his views about HIV and sex.

At one point, Scott/Leo/Mike knew he had become infected with syphilis and at that time took out a large advertisement in the B.A.R. advertising that fact and advising past clients to seek medical diagnosis and/or treatment. This was a noble and brave gesture on his part. But HIV will kill you just as dead as syphilis will and Scott/Leo/Mike continued fucking his clients without rubbers both here and in New York. And Scott/Leo/Mike was a very popular, well-used prostitute!

I thought about attending his memorial service in the Castro a couple of weekends ago, but then I thought about all the men who Scott/Leo/Mike knowingly, and irresponsibly infected with HIV. And I wonder how many of those men are already symptomatic. And I wonder how many men are going to die needlessly because they patronized a prostitute who thought he was somehow "magically" immune from his own dis-ease [sic] and hence gave himself carte blanche to infect literally hundreds of men. There were times in the past couple of years when I looked at all of Scott/Leo/Mike's ads (multiple names, multiple phone numbers) in the B.A.R. and wondered if I should report him to the Health Department. Now, I wish I had. It may have caused a wave of scandal, but it might have saved some lives.

For those men who were unfortunate enough to have been butt-fucked by Leo Loveslife without a rubber, I pray for your lives. For those men who are still out there having unsafe sex with prostitutes, please go have your heads examined! And for those friends of Scott/Leo/Mike who will probably never speak to me again for divulging his "dirty little secret," let me just say that "recovery" means more than just not taking anything—it also has something to do with integrity, with honesty, and with having heart. There is nothing more precious than life—and to rob another person of theirs just so one can turn a $200 trick is immoral, profane, and just plain ugly.

John S. Connolly, III
San Francisco

Addiction To AIDS Info

Living in San Francisco, and presumably certain other large cities as well, it is easy as a gay man to become addicted to the media material bombarding us about HIV and AIDS.

This is not true everywhere. I still remember last year the divisions within a group discussion at a national Gay and Lesbian conference. In discussing "safe sex" the San Franciscans said they assumed that every gay man they met was HIV-positive. Others did not consider this probable, but for us it seemed a prudent way to approach relationships. I also met a man from the Midwest who stated that he had not met anyone who had AIDS. Here it is not common to have known scores of people who have died from AIDS-related diseases.

Here we are inundated with information and responses to HIV-related materials. Included are general media coverage (daily major newspapers and TV articles and letters, bus shelter ads, etc.), and specialized media coverage (one monthly and two weekly gay and lesbian papers that cover AIDS and HIV from holistics to politics). Every Thursday evening I read the obituaries in the *Bay Area Reporter*. Usually they cover two pages. I do this not only to see if anyone I know is included, but also to read about the contributions to society of gay men, their extended families and the love expressed for them.

In addition there are the political responses to HIV, from right-wing extremists to queer political activists, with a wide spectrum in between. There are continuing health discussions from holistic healing programs to arguments about whether there indeed is a disease called "AIDS." The benefits or dangers of drugs and treatments are discussed in mainstream and gay news media, in special printed reports, and

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in discussions with friends. Here any movie or TV play, musical, dance or theater event concerned with AIDS is usually performed and discussed. There are continual benefit events to raise much-needed funds for the various charitable services in the Bay Area concerned with helping people who have AIDS or are HIV-positive. I probably receive an average of 3-4 solicitations for funds from these organizations in the mail each week as well.

None of this is "bad" in itself, and most serve useful and important purposes. However, I realize that at some level I have become an AIDS info addict. Recently I happened upon a teleplay produced in Minnesota about a father with AIDS who simultaneously was forced to come out to his teenage son and reveal that he was dying of the disease. It was a pretty good treatment of the subject, but I found that—irrespective of its quality—once I came upon it, I had to watch it.

All of these responses to AIDS in the public media are important and worthwhile, and it is preferable to ignoring what is happening. However, it is still a source of conflict for me, and does not lower my level of stress. This is said to be important for those who are HIV-positive. Yet so far I find I cannot give up this compulsion to watch, listen to, or read about anything concerning HIV and AIDS that I come across.

Matt Lowman
San Francisco

SFPD Backlash

The members of the Police Officers Association ought to be ashamed of themselves. In recent weeks, we have read and heard about unfair allegations in the POA that several lesbian and gay officers in the SFPD were given preferential treatment by being allowed to march in uniform in this year's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. Vicious lies have been circulated that these officers engaged in unseemly behavior during the Parade and that they were all paid to participate.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Only a few of the officers got paid that day—those officers had been assigned to the Parade and worked more than eight hours without a break. The others volunteered and were rightfully allowed to march.

The allegations of unseemly behavior are pure nonsense. The officers behaved well—better than officers I have seen at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, for example, and 49er's celebrations, and more to the point, during the Castro Street police riot on October 6, 1989.

Let us be very clear about allegations of preferential treatment. They reflect a growing and dangerous backlash among white, male, heterosexual SFPD officers against women, people of color, and sexual minorities on the force. The POA ought to be condemning this backlash, not encouraging it. Shame.

David Witkin
San Francisco

Someday Alioto Will Be Ready

Angela Alioto is a candidate who might, if she ever finds out where she stands, become a loyal and conscientious ally of the gay community. For now, however, her political experience remains more cultural than practical. Worse, she's awfully like Agnos, whom she praised so effusively until she began bashing him after the Hongisto campaign exposed the Mayor's vulnerability.

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"Queer Scout" member John Woods speaks at the SF School Board discussion on allowing the Boy Scouts into the schools. The Board ultimately adopted the non-discrimination policy introduced by member Tom Ammiano.

With that behind her, she can't help but cause San Franciscans to wonder whether she offers them naivete or cynical ambition. Not that it matters. They tend to be equally ruinous.

Already Alioto is promising more than she, or we, can pay for. What commitments will she scuttle when simple arithmetic forces her to break her word? Health? Education? The environment? Like Agnos, she has already waffled on development and neighborhood issues.

But, again like Agnos, she's been pretty good in the legislative sector. Let us, then, vote to keep her there a while longer. Eight more years on the Board will reveal to her and to San Francisco just where she stands. Alioto II might make a truly great mayor.

A vote for Hongisto will do it.

Alex MacDonald
San Francisco

Gay Demo Clubs' Irrelevancy

I watch with appalled bemusement as the Gay Democratic Clubs slide into irrelevancy. First they fell all over themselves to endorse Richard Hongisto for mayor. The fact they did this before the filing date for mayor passed, that they broke their own bylaws, allowed their membership to be packed, and offended many of their own long-standing members in the process, leads one to question how much "democracy" exists in these clubs.

That they chose a candidate before Angela Alioto even declared her candidacy makes one ask how much "smarts" exists in these clubs. Now they find themselves committed to Hongisto, who, deservedly, is sinking like a stone in the polls. They have shown themselves to be opportunists and have alienated many long-standing friends and allies.

Finally I must question how much wisdom exists in these clubs. In all of the literature I have seen from them, I haven't read one word that puts this mayor's race in any kind of a broader context than their very narrow gay issues. The very simple fact is that there is not enough money for AIDS, housing, education or health care because our government chooses to make a priority of spending on the military and prisons. They can fight a war in the Persian Gulf, but not a war on AIDS or homelessness. The Democratic Party is part of this government. A *big* part. It controls the California Legislature and the Congress in Washington. It is time for the lesbian and gay community to stand on its own feet and get *out* of the business-as-usual parties. None of the five candidates will be able to do much, because they are *all* going to face the same budgetary problems.

In the meantime, I urge that we support alternative media and *real* alternative parties and organizations. There are many to choose from. This country needs a *big* change, and it is clear that neither the Republican nor Democratic parties nor the Gay Democratic Clubs have the ability to provide the necessary leadership.

Charlie Hinton
San Francisco

Not Sexism

Angela Alioto is complaining about the recent Hongisto piece which mentions her statement that she disagreed with then-Mayor Feinstein's downtown plan as an unreasonable infringement on developers' rights.

She is calling this sexist. Barbara Thomson, head of affirmative action for the University of California reviewed it and found the allegation ridiculous.

Women candidates can't expect to be treated differently by other candidates when stands they have taken are called to account or when their records are cited.

Maggi Rubenstein
San Francisco

Alioto And The Cops

I recently wrote the following to the *SF Weekly* editor because I believe that paper has been using highly charged, factually unsound arguments in attempting to discredit Art Agnos' liberal opponents in the San Francisco mayoral race:

SF Weekly Editor:

George Cothran in his Sept. 4 article "Do SF's Cops Have A Hold On Alioto?" does not seem concerned about accurately representing Angela Alioto's position on civilian oversight. Cothran could have easily found out that Angela Alioto supports a strong Office of Civilian Complaints (OCC) and a strong Police Commission to decide on police discipline cases. Her openness to sitting down with all concerned parties simply does not imply that she will compromise her opposition to the POA (Police Officers Association) hearing-officer idea. There is nothing in Cothran's article or anywhere else to suggest that the SF cops have a hold on her or that her administration would be lenient on matters of police violence.

Rachel Rose
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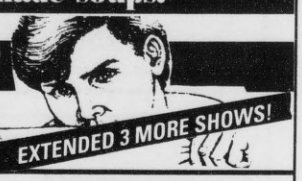

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Hermetic Squeals

And to think we accused them of paranoia, those folks who accused us of trying to push forward a bi agenda. Now we're publishing on one. Appropriately this happens with Mercury entering Libra.

We are often reminded that Libra is such an agreeable sign. Mercury in Libra is a great time for negotiations, political finagling and social events. It always happens sometime in the fall, never chronologically far from the sun's passage through Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22—give or take a day). Mercury's orbit is more, well, mercurial, and this year our androgynous little planet of wit and whimsy zips into Libra on the 27th at 8:28 pm and off into Scorpio on October 15. A pity he couldn't stay longer, you may suggest, but Mercury and Libra would agree that there are two sides to any question. This particular passage can facilitate opera balls and election campaigns; it also can bring out a manipulative streak. Libra loves to have everyone in agreement, and it would be so easy if you would all be nice and agreeable.

The first four days of October the iron fist will become more visible through the velvet glove. Mercury and the sun will be conjunct, helping us to hold our own positions, but ever so nicely. Now let's do be nice and cooperative, and we'll get along just fine, won't we?

ARIES: Usually you are quite content to mind your own business. Suddenly you're on a jag about "teamwork." It could be a good idea, provided you don't try to manage a team that hasn't voted on electing you the coach. Invite others to give you supportive criticism, especially when you're tempted to offer the same. But don't take that as an opportunity to offer as you receive. Take it as a learning experience. Drink plenty of liquids right now. Cool it on alcohol, caffeine and salt. Your kidneys are a little more open to trouble than usual. Keep things especially open and clear with your partner. Before you know it, you two will have a lot to talk about.

TAURUS: You're just a regular font of creativity these days. All that playfulness will start looking for a constructive focus, and you could become a real pain in the tush. (See Aries' horoscope. You'll soon be in such a mood—less aggressive, but pushier in the long run.) In the meantime, enjoy your little chats about culture and sports, and make the most of your hobbies. Just consider that when you start getting work-oriented some of your co-workers will wonder where you've been for the previous few weeks. Make sure you're keeping up while you're having your fun. Then when your mood shifts you'll be more credible.

GEMINI: Few people think of you as the homey sort. You typically gad about here, there and anywhere. Lately the domestic scene holds a charm for you, perhaps some family reunions? Needn't be your genetic family, but it will do you good to stay in touch with those you consider kindred. A potluck perhaps? Or maybe it's enough to take your "sisters" out for pizza. Contacts with actual relatives should be especially interesting right now, and if you're involved in community affairs, be especially careful to listen twice as much as you talk.

CANCER: Shifting into (and then out of) a loquacious mode, you'll take a lot of folks by surprise. You'll soon be in a homey mood more typical of your sign so this is a good time to start planning great "family" events to take place in a couple of weeks. Get out your calendar. Start making calls, and writing letters. Be careful of about three days coming up when you'll be especially argumentative. When that will be exactly depends on your birthday, but it will be soon. Take care to keep your ears and your mind open. When you hear something objectionable, try to understand what it is you're objecting to before you respond. Place it in context and if you still feel like arguing, at least you'll have a better case. Easy does it!

LEO: Money comes and goes through your hands very easily these days. Your friends, and especially your partner, are very helpful in accelerating the cash flow. But it's all up to you whether any of it actually stays in your pockets. Social events can be a great way to spend, spend, spend. On the other hand, they can also prove a great way to make profitable contacts. The only difference is in careful planning and consideration. Leave the plastic at home! This is an ideal time to consult with an accountant or financial planner.

VIRGO: Contrary to your image, you're unusually loquacious these days. This weekend offers a burst of good luck, a small blessing in disguise. Don't shy away from unpleasantness; who knows what opportunities lurk? Expect to be especially generous with your opinion over the next week. All the more reason to be cautious in forming them now. If you can keep your mouth shut and your eyes and ears open, you'll be able to take in a lot of information that will soon prove profitable.

LIBRA: Ever sensitive to the wishes and desires of others, you are suddenly very much in tune with their moods and feelings—or are you projecting? The big challenge for you now is to be certain of what you really want for yourself. Some of the ways you imagine you would make others happy may end up doing nothing to their benefit although it pleases you no end. Entitle yourself to be a little bit selfish. In other words, make it honest. Dreams are likely to be especially powerful and educative right now. Try to capture them before you open your eyes from your sleep. *Happy Birthday: Maggi Rubenstein & Gaetano Amorosi!*

SCORPIO: This is a wonderful time for you to be making political connections, but over the next week you'll be in for some very challenging debates. Your charisma and will won't be enough to make your point, although you may well scare off some opponents. Alas, that would backfire. Reason and consideration will carry the day—at least for these few days. Usually an extremist at heart, this is your time to practice moderation, negotiation and compromise. Financial surprises await you next week. They're likely to spark arguments with a partner or close friend, so be sure to have a clear sense of accountability.

SAGITTARIUS: You could find yourself on a fine line in these few weeks, Sag. As others will notice this is a great time for you to kiss up to the boss or anyone else who may help you further your career. You'll certainly see your opportunities in a different light. Take advantage, but watch your natural tendency to go overboard. You're easily tempted to convince other people you're right, and how dare they accuse you of base methods or motives. Better to listen to them and understand why they think what you're doing looks shoddy. Then you can clean up your act. Oh, I'm not implying anything, but you know how people get ideas.

CAPRICORN: If your birthday is within two days of New Years', be ready for a major change in your relationship with your boss. (Or the way you function as a boss.) Rumors will fly. Your reputation will turn around. Be spontaneous and open-minded. Your own willful self-assertion can be your worst enemy, but don't let that stop you from standing up for yourself. When tempted to yell out, "Stop that!" try rather to ask for an explanation of what's going on. All the rest of you will also have exciting times in these two weeks. You with December birthdays will experience a milder version of the above. Januarians will find themselves caught up in philosophical debates. Keep an open mind. Use your mouth to draw people out no matter how odd their ideas seem. It's tempting to correct them, but even their craziest ideas can give you great insight.

AQUARIUS: January's Aquarian children may read the same advice as Capricorn's Januarians above. February's children will also be challenged, alas, not so intellectually. Ideas about sex and death come under difficult scrutiny, painful but potentially enlightening. Give yourself space and time to grieve. "Losing a close friend" is almost inevitable over the next few weeks (if not very recently). The good news is that the very good friend could become a red hot lover. Or, famous as the "weird sign," you could meet your next great passion at a memorial service.

PISCES: February's Pisces children, follow your monthmate's advice in Aquarius. Those of you who march to the later month's beat should be careful where you step around your partner. You've been awfully independent in your ideas about career and authority. Someone you're tied up with, either by purse strings or by heartstrings, has some very different ideas. You don't really want to hear them, but you'll do well to listen. You don't have to agree, but listen. Consider what they have to say. They could be right on with their advice, or not. Even if they're entirely off, they could help you to triangulate a third path, different from your own ideas and theirs, but more effective than either.

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COMING UP!

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SEP 26 / T H U

"Freedom, Glorious Freedom: Living Gay & Lesbian Spirtualities," a wkend with theologian & psychotherapist John J McNeill, who was expelled from the Roman Catholic Society of Jesus because of his writings & ministry to lesbian & gay people. Four days of events: 9/26: "Drinking from Our Own Lesbian & Gay Wells: Achieving Mature Spiritual Autonomy," exploration of the connection between being loved & being free. With singer/songwriter Judy Fjell, 7:30 pm at Alexander Hall, SF Theological Seminary, 26 Kensington Rd, San Anselmo. 9/27: "Life is a Legitimate Search for Ecstasy: Know, Love & Consecrate Your Longing," a discussion of 12-step spirituality & the process of getting deeply in touch with the human search for an ecstatic, intimate relationship with the divine. 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, with the MCC Choir. 150 Eureka St, SF. 9/28: "Gay & Lesbian Love Leading the Way to Fuller Human Love: The Contribution of Lesbian/Gay Liberation to the American Church," a dialogue especially geared for members & leaders of lesbian & gay religious groups. 9:30 am-noon at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolroes St at 15th, SF. At 6:30 pm: "Life is A Dance with God: Enjoying the Freedom to Play," an exploration of the meaning of play & the conditions that make play possible for lesbian & gay people; with artist/teacher Margie Brown. 9/29: John McNeill preaches at the 9 am & 11 am services at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF, and at the 5:30 pm Dignity/SF service at Dolores Street Church. SL donations of $5-20 are accepted at each event, no one turned away for lack of funds. Audiotapes available. Info: Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Ecumenical Alliance 552-2909, 457-1115 or 465-2778.

"Winnie Mandela: The Persecution of a Freedom Fighter," discussion by Regina Farisani, South African activist. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV: Call AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454 for appt/info.

Men's Friendship Group spons by by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid, at Josie's Cabaret. Call 861-7933 for info/res.

Low-Income Support Network meets to organize, strategize & fight for a decent life for AFDC mothers & children, SSI/SSP recipients, state workers & taxpayers. 6-8:30 pm at SEIU Local #616, 337 17th St, SF. 2nd floor. For info call WEAP (Women's Economic Agenda Project) 451-7379.

"A Journey Thru the Evolution of Western Consciousness," a lecture series with Robert McDermott, continues thru 10/31. Lectures may be attended separately or paid for as a series. Tonight's program: "From Seeing to Reflecting, from Primal to Postmodern," an overview of the series which presents some contrasts between present & former ways of thinking, characteristics of primal (archaic or mythic) consciousness & reasons for their prominence in contemporary culture. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100. Series continues on the following 7 Thursday nights.

Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group meets 7 pm at 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Classical nude modeling. Info: 621-6294.

Investigative Journalist Carl Hiassen reads from *Native Tongue* at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: (510) 486-0698.

T Coraghessan Boyle, winner ofthe PEN/Faulkner Award in 1988 for his epic of the Hudson Valley, *World's End,* speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's Literary Events series. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.

Author Marianne Villaneuva reads from *Ginseng & Other Tales from Manila,* "beautiful & poignant tales from the irony & chaos" that resulted in the People Power Revolution in the Phillippines. 8 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Author Gus Lee discusses *China Boy,* his powerful first novel, the story of a young Chinese boy thrust from a sheltered existence into the mean streets of SF. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Katherine V Forrest hosts Naiad Authors' Evening at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. Come enjoy a lesbian literary frolic! 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

SEP 27 / F R I

GLAAD/USA (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) meets in SF today thru 9/29. GLAAD chapters from around the country have been participating in a series of meetings to formulate a national network and a national identity (this media watch organization has chapters in Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Florida, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, New York & San Francisco). Comic Danny Williams headlines a Twin Peaks fundraiser tonight. For program details/more info call 861-4588.

Tahoe Camping & Fishing Wkend with Marin BACW. Join Bay Area Career Women for three days of fun. Call Lynne 457-4866 or tor 453-1207 for details.

Education A Right, Not A Privilege: A 2-day conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, a unique center for peace law & human rights. Call 848-0599 for program information & registration.

Celebration '91: Deaf Artists & Performers: Festival of American Sign Language & Deaf Culture, today thru 9/29 at UC Berkeley. Wkend of events include gallery exhibits, evening performances of comedy, drama, poetry, storytelling. Forums on deaf literature, deaf art, the Black Deaf image & more. For complete details & tix info call Cal Performance Box Box Office, BASS, or DEAF Media, Inc at 841-0163 (voice), 841-0165 (TDD).

The NAMES Project plans to show the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, DC over Columbus Day Wkend (10/9-11) in 1992. It will be the fourth time the Quilt has been displayed in its entirety (now over 20,000 panels long) since its inception. The NAMES Project needs volunteer to help with this undertaking, which will provide additional media spotlight on AIDS just weeks prior to the November 1992 elections. Call 863-5511 to find out how you can help. Donations of money to help defray costs are also deeply appreciated.

Youth Support Group: Group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth under 21, spons by the Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, begins today. 12-week group meets Fri 4-6 pm thru 12/20 at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. The last day for new participants is 10/18. Call the LYFE program at 565-7681 for details.

Children's Illustrators/Educators Bill Martin Jr & Eric Carle discuss their newest book, *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* a delightful sequel to the popular *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* 4-6 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Mid-Peninsula BACW TGIF: 5:30-9 pm at "B" Street in San Mateo. Come unwind with Bay Area Career Women!

Potluck Dinner & Games Night spons by BWMT (Black & White Men Together). Play your favorite games, learn new ones. Bring your favorite dish, dessert or drink to share. Doors open at 6:30 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF.

Freedom, Glorious Freedom! Living Gay & Lesbian Spiritualities, a wkend with John J McNeill, see 9/26 listing for program details.

The Progoff Journal: Life Experience Wkshop, with Judith Favor. Participants experience the Intensive Journal workbook technique as a therapeutic process. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-5 pm tmw, noon-6 pm on 9/29. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Pagan Rituals of Power & Empowerment, a class by Ganymede, spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Power exchanges are inherent in most pagan rituals. Ganymede discusses their similarity to s/m play. He then performs several short rituals, including an initiation. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10:30 pm at a private SF space. $12. Men & women over 21, of all sexual orientations, are welcome. Info/location: 550-7776.

Playwrights' Center's Playreading Series presents Michael Hull's "Father Goes Native," a comedy in verse about that other land named Love & Nature. 7:30 pm, $2-4 at Blue Bear Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Info: 626-4603.

Christian Huygen's "Waiting for Godette," at Josie's Cabaret, final performance! Call 861-7933 for res/info.

Josh Kornbluth in "The Moisture Seekers," a sweet, funny & insightful tale of a New York boy coming of age. Part of SF's Solo Mio festival. Tonight thru 9/29 at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Info: (510) 84-JULIA.

Eternity Chapman's Back! At Mama Bears for a concert of original reggae, soul, funk & jazz songs, done with humor & passion. 8 pm, $6-8 SL. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Mothertongue Readers Theater performs "Survivors," their new script documenting & celebrating modern women's survival. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Alternative Measures lesbian a capella vocal quartet in concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $6-8. 465 Broderick St, SF. Info/res: 563-9046.

Author Karen McCarthy Brown discusses her book on Vodou, the traditional religious practice in Haiti. In *Mama Lola: A Vodou Priestess in Brooklyn,* she sheds light on this very misunderstood religion by showing its emphasis on healing & renewal, and looking at 5 generations of Vodou healers, beginning with an African ancestor and ending with the newest initiate in Brooklyn. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's Cabaret, call 861-7933 for info/res.

Metropolis Improv Comedy Group in a one-night only show at Noe Valley Ministry. 8:15 pm, $8. 1021 Sanchez at 24th St, SF. Info: 563-2496.

nZinga, World Beat at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 28 / S A T

Community Action in the Era of the "New Activist Court" is the theme of National Lawyers Guild's 21st Annual Alternative Law Day. Hundreds of Bay Area law students & lawyers convene at Golden Gate University to educate & organize the public interest law community. Keynote: Daniel Sheehan, cofounder & lead counsel of the Christic Institute. 9 am-5 pm, free. 536 Mission St, SF. Info: 285-5067.

Lake Merritt, Oakland Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Meet at the Cameron Stanford House, corner of 14th & Oak Sts, at 9 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Toward A Culturally Inclusive Art Education: Sources of a Distinct Majority, Part IV: A symposium for artists, teachers, art educators, art administrators and parents at SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Today & tmw. For program details & other info call 771-7020.

Celebration '91: Deaf Artists & Performers: A festival of American Sign Language & Deaf Culture at UC Berkeley, see 9/27 listing for details.

Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People: A one-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA, at Marin Community College. Olney Hall, room 105, Kentfield. 9:30 am-4 pm, $52. Info/reg: 485-9657.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Walks emphasize understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell, as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Meet at noon, at the Strawberry Canyon Fire Trail head, below the UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens on Centennial Drive. For more info/directions: Adam Seller 845-4028. Rain cancels.

The Pulse of Life: Tantra for Witches & Their Friends. Class spons by QSM, part of their artistic & educational series of calsses for the s/m community. Ganymede leads solo, paired & group exercises designed to awaken tantric energies. The exercises will *not* include any body penetration. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-5 pm in a private SF space. Men & women over 21, of all sexual orientations, are welcome! Info/location: 550-7776.

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Soul Ventures Social Mixer at Kairos House: Evening of good company, food & fun spons by Soul Ventures, a nonprofit providing social networking & matching services for the HIV+/PWA community. Entertainment provided by vocalist Kelly Houston, with Tim Lewis on piano. $12. Info/RSVP: 543-2520.

Sunset Lesbians Beach Soiree! SF Inner/Outer Avenues. Meet for fire & fun—sunsetting walk & campfire. Call Judith 665-8402 for details.

Jazz Vocalist Clairdee at Asta Restaurant & Bar, One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover.

1950's Dance Party with Girth & Mirth Club: Gay chubbies & chasers dance the night away to music of the 50's and early 60's at 176-B Page St, SF. $7. Info: 824-0260.

"Reflections," Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) presents the GAPA Dance Company in a repertory of Asian, Pacific & contemporary dances tonight at McKenna Theatre, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. 8 pm. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door. Info/res: 282-GAPA. Don't miss!

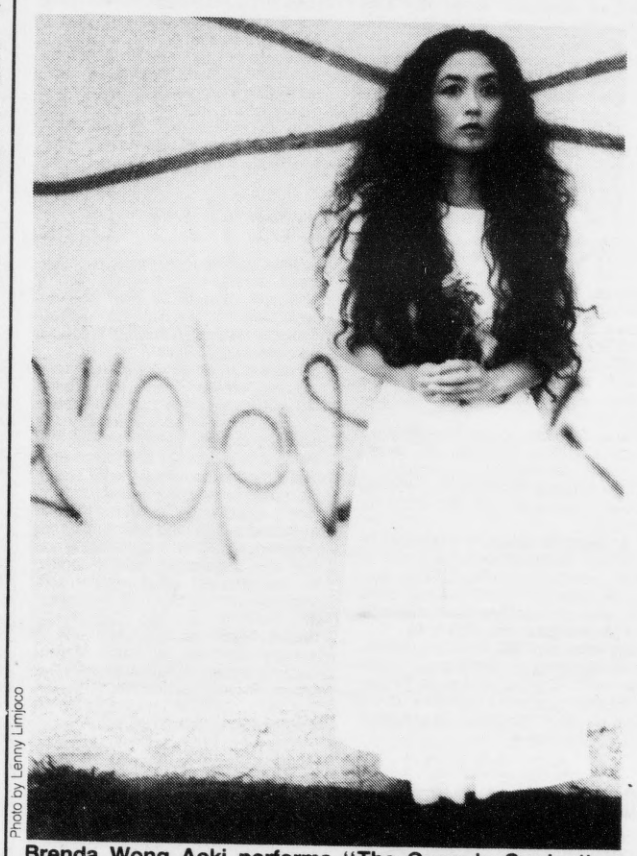
Josh Kornbluth in "The Moisture Seekers," see 9/27.

Les Fain Dance in "Sudden Changes" at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' SecondStage, 500 Castro St, Mountain View. 8 pm, $12. Info/res:

Tippi and Miss X star as Princess Angel and Queen Veneer in "Vegas in Space. Don't miss the premiere Oct. 11.

Photo by Jill Posener

"Pretty, Witty and Gay"—Marga Gomez' promises it all with her new one-woman show, opening Oct 10.



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Brenda Wong Aoki performs "The Queen's Garden" at Climate Theatre. See OnStage for info.

903-6000.
The Debbie Fier Trio at Mama Bears: Night of music combining jazz, world music, classical & a little bit of everything in between. 8 pm, $7-8 SL. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Al Funoon Ash Shaabiya (Palestine Popular Dance Troupe) performs tonight at 8 pm at Lincoln High School, 2162 24th Ave, SF. Group combines rich, age-old Palestinian folklore with contemporary forms of dance as well as progressive social values & ideas. Spons by the Palestine Arab Center. For tix & other info call 864-1585 or 861-1553.
Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid—at Josie's Cabaret, call 861-7933 for info/res.
ATA Gallery's Other Cinema Series features "Optical Nervous," a multiple-projection retinal assault including the premiere of Francois Miron's 2-screen *Insanity;* Chuck Hudina's *Triptych;* Pad MacGlaughlin's 3-D spectacular and Andy Warhol's *Exploding Plastic Inevitable,* with the Velvet Underground. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 648-0654.
Bi-Friendly Dancing at The Box: Meet at 9:30 pm for a night of fun. 628 Divisadero St, SF. Info: Valerie 681-4844.
Rock at El Rio with *A Subtle Plague* plus *Pillbox*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Marga Gomez, Tom Ammiano & Marilyn Pittman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"Pressed," a celebration of women at the Asian American Theatre Company. See OnStage.

SEP 29 / SUN

Gay Run Practice with SF Frontrunners Meet 9 am at the Polo Field parking lot in Golden Gate Park, SF. 9 am. Last chance to practice for the upcoming 5K/10K Gay Run!
Toward A Culturally Inclusive Art Education symposium, see 9/28.
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Corona Heights Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology, plus recipes for teas & wild foods. Walk emphasizes understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell, as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Meet at noon at Roosevelt Way & Museum Way, nr Randall Junior Museum, SF. Dress warmly. Walk repeats 10/13. Rain cancels. Info: Adam Seller 485-4028.
Tea & Classics at Josie's: Members of the Women's Philharmonic play in small ensembles on the last Sunday of each month. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Single Lesbians—Time to Mingle! All single lesbians are welcome to today's potluck picnic at Tilden Park. 4 pm. Info/directions: 444-1009.
Cuban Rhythms at El Rio with *Cubanacan*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Women's Circle for Peace: An ongoing women's ritual group focusing on peace meets this evening at 6 pm in Redwood Park, Oakland. Bring drums, rattles, songs & chants. Info: 333-0864.
Youth for Literacy Program at Modern Times Bookstore: Discuss *Books We Love Best,* a unique collection of children's book reviews, written by Bay Area kids ages 5-17. 7 pm, free. Come meet the book's creators. Proceeds from book sales benefit local literacy programs.
Jimmy Breslin, essayist & prize-winning columnist, reads from his new book, *Damon Runyon: A Life*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Josh Kornbluth in "The Moisture Seekers," at Julia Morgan. Final show! See 9/27.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love," stories of Black gay male life. Josie's Cabaret, call 861-7933 for res/info.
Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid—at Josie's Cabaret, call 861-7933 for res/info.
"A Night in Brazil," presented by CASA & Sambao. Dance & show, wit live music by *Vos do Brazil*. Come samba & salsa the night away at Bahia Tropical, corner of Franklin & Market St, SF. $10 at door. Info: 695-0644.
Gay Films on PBS: See Marc Heustis' awardwinning documentary, *Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age* at 11 pm, followed by the TV premiere of the feature film *Longtime Companion*. KQED Channel 9.

SEP 30 / MON

Informational Picket on issues such as the gag rule & the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination. Noon-1 pm. Spons by SF NOW and other pro-choice groups. Call 861-8936 for location & other info.
Women Writer's Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Making Your Life Work: A series of free workshops at Rest Stop Center with author *Bert Herrman* (*Being Happy, Being Gay*). Tonight's topic: Values Exploration. 7-9 pm, 134 Church St, SF. Info: Erik 621-1701.
Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals & bi-friendly others are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.
Stephen Carter, Yale University professor of law & former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall discusses his book, *Reflections of an Affirmative Action Baby*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Jimmy Breslin, renowned journalist & novelist, speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's Literary Events Series. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.
BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) present an eve of improvised comedy, scenes & plays at Asian American Theater, SF. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: (510) 824-8220.
At Cody's Books: Author Jung Chang discusses her remarkable biography, *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, book follows three generations (her grandmother, mother & herself) thru 20th century China. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

OCT 1 / TUE

Support Group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners begins this month in Burlingame. Free. Spons by San Mateo Battered Women's Services. Info: 593-8622.
Strangers in Good Company opens today at Gateway Cinema. Film tells the story of 7 women, ages 68-92 and a younger driver who are stranded in the woods of Quebec's Mont Trebiant after their bus breaks down. Stranded & stripped of modern conveniences for 3 days, the women, who share little in common (one is a nun, one a lesbian writer, one a Mohawk activist, and another a former belly dancer) they must cooperate to survive. The unexpected delay becomes, for the women, a voyage of self-discovery. 215 Jackson St nr Battery, SF.
Shanti Gourmet Cooking Party: A culinary afternoon at Tante Marie's Cooking School for people with HIV. Call Shanti Project's Activities Program 777-2273, M-F, 9-5, for info/reg.
Author Clive Barker (*Books of Blood, Nightbreed*) discusses his erotically-charged new book, *Imagica*. He loves to interact with the public, so come join him at Dark Carnival Bookstore, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. 5 pm. Info: (510) 845-7757.
"Channeling Higher Self," a lecture by Lee Ard, certified hypnotherapist & crystal healer at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.
BWMT Rap/Social: Black & White Men Together discuss "Monogamy vs Open Relationships," a talk on the pluses & minuses. Doors open at 6:30 pm, raps begin promptly at 7. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Facilitated by Peter Eggenberger, greeter Calvin Lowery. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome!
Women's Spirituality Group spons by Ministry of Light meets 7:30-9:30 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, 620 Del Ganado, corner of Freitas Parkway & Del Ganado in Terra Linda. Guest speaker: Diane Mariechild, author of *Mother Wit, Crystal Visions* and *Inner Dance*. Share ritual, meditation & visualization practice. $5-10 donation requested. Info: 457-1115.
At Black Oak Books: Author Norman Rush (*Whites*) reads from his first novel, *Mating*. Set in the Kalahari Desert, this book follows the trek of a feminist anthropologist in search of Nelson Denoon and the secret, experimental community he created to give sanctuary to destitute or abused African women. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
"Demystifying Sexual Attraction," lecture by Daniel Linder, MFCC, part of SF Jewish Community Center's "Tempting Tuesday" singles lecture series. 7:30 pm, $12. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
At Cody's Books: Diane Wood Middlebrook, professor of English at Stanford University, discusses her book, *Anne Sexton: A Biography*, the first biography of Sexton's life, the result of 10 years of painstaking research. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

OCT 2 / WED

Gay USA: Bi-weekly nationally distributed news program presented by GCN (Gay Cable Network). 1-2 pm on SF's Viacom Cable channel 25. For program details & more info call 626-0975.
Asian AIDS Project, an AIDS education/prevention agency, is recruiting volunteers for its programs dealing with the general Asian community, women, and youth. AIDS information is available in Chinese, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese. Call 227-0946 for details.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) has announced a scholarship endowment for gay, lesbian & bisexual students at the Univ of Calif at Berkeley, to be administered by the Calif Alumni Assoc (CAA). The first scholarships will be awarded in the 1991-92 academic year. Contributions are greatly encouraged. Call Jim Higgins, Scholarship Chair, for info: 282-5608.
Huppoh Butoh Group of Japan perform today & 10/3-5 at 2 pm at the newly-opened Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa Ave (Project Artaud), SF. Tix: $10 & $12. Info/res: 885-6962 (Theatre of Yugen).
The NAMES Project needs volunteers to help in the October 1992 display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, DC, see 9/27 listing for details.
4th Annual ClaireLight Freedom to Read Celebration: Come see what someone else doesn't want you to read. Local book-lovers read selections from banned & challengeed books. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Afterhours Event for Business Professionals: "Micro businessess Unite, to Fight Recession," spons by Cornucopia Events, an informal group for business owners. 5:30-7:30 pm, free networking event open to the business community. Features complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres & music. Teddy's Restaurant, Cartwright Hotel, 524 Sutter, SF. Info: D'ee Griffith 346-5237.
Lesbians Over 60 Support Group meets today & 10/16, noon-2 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Bring brown bag lunch. Info: 626-7000.
Lesbian Uprising! Book Group meets to discuss Audre Lorde's *Cancer Journals*. Social at 6:30, mtg begins at 7 pm. Call 621-0790 for info/location.
Shanti Volunteer Opportunity Night: An eve for people interested in becoming Shanti volunteers and assisting people with AIDS & their loved ones. 7 pm at Shanti Project, 525 Howard St, SF. Info: Mike Frederickson 777-2273, M-F, 9 am-5 pm.
Bi-Friendly UC meets tonight & 10/9, 16, 23 & 30 for a support group, followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends (all "university-identified" people) are welcome. ASUC Bldg, Douglas Fir Room. For time & other info call Betsy 845-7441.
The Folgers Coffee Connection, a documentary video tracing the long history of coffee & repression in El Salvador. Plus discussion & update on the current situation & impact of the Salvadoran Coffee Boycott. Music with Francisco Herrera. 7:30 pm, $5. Spons by Neighbor to Neighbor. La Pena,

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

1-Day Workshop for Pregnant Lesbians: 9/28, facilitated by Janet Linder, LCSW. Explore feelings about family of origin issues, the impact of pregnancy on your relationships, the changes you are facing. Info/reg: 285-1131.
Rainbow's End Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 24 & under meets 10/3, 9, 17 & 24 at Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd #12, San Anselmo. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time, 7-9 pm group time. Info: 457-1115.
Halloween Potluck spons by Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. 10/27, 3-5 pm. Info/location: 457-1115.
Kidshows present quality entertainment for kids ages 3-8, & their families. October performances: **10/12 at 11 am, $6:** "Clowning, Comedy & Percussion," with Geoff Hoyle & Keith Terry at Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: 841-0211. **10/13 at 11 am, $6**: "Master Clowning, Comedy, Percussion & Body Music" with Geoff Hoyle & Keith Terry at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-0211. **10/19 at 11 & 12:15 pm, $6**: Banana Slug String Band, "nature's upbeat rock quartet" sing, play & act silly while conveying messages of love for the planet. Showcase Theatre, Civic Ctr, San Rafael. Info: 472-3500.
Boomerang Live! Live radio show for kids, concept a la The Prairie Home Companion & All Things Considered. An hour of heady, non-stop skits, monologues & commentary for kids ages 7-13. First Sat of each month at Julia Morgan Theater (10/5, 11/2, 12/7) at 11 am. Tix $7.50 gen'l, $5 kids, grandparents are free. 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.
Not Just for Newcomers Jewish Fair: 10/6, noon-4 pm. Spons by the SF Jewish Community Center. Music, food & information about the wide variety of activities available in the local Jewish community. Fair includes special activities for kids. 3200 California St at Presidio, SF. Info: SFJCC 346-6040, Jewish Community Info & Referral 777-4545.
Small Change Strolling Group meets 12:30 am every Wednesday for excursions and a stroll thru Golden Gate Park. Free, everyone's welcome! Small Change also keeps a file of people interested in childcare exchange, playgroup formations, etc. Drop by & take a look. 1234 9th Ave, SF. Call 566-1234 for more info.
"Eleemosynary," a sensitive & probing play by Lee Blessing, examining the subtle & ofen perilous relationship between a young girl, her mother and her grandmother. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 10/5 at 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 srs & stdnts. Info/res: 941-LACT.
Jon Sims Center offers SimSchool, a new arts & educational program for the children of lesbian & gay parents, offered in cooperation with Lorilewis Dance Studio. Instruction offered in preschool dance, tap, jazz & ballet. Low-cost classes educate & help promote children's self-esteem. For program details call 554-0402.
The New Conservatory Children's Theatre & School opens enrollment for their 10th anniversary season. Classes begin 10/7 & run thru 5/17. Professional theatre arts training program, offers Saturday classes for ages 4-13 and afterschool classes for ages 12-19 in a variety of theatre skills. Younger children concentrate on self-expresson & creative growth thru theatre games & play-acting and are gradually introduced to mime, movement & other alternative creative modes. Scholarship programs are available to lesbian & gay parents, as are installment payment plans. For details call 861-4914.
New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co presents "The Inner Circle," their internationally-produced AIDS education play, 10/3-5 at 8 pm. Zephyr Theatre Complex, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Free. Info: 861-4915.
Khadra Int'l Folk Ballet 2nd Annual Family Concert Series: 10/13 at 1:30 & 3 pm, Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF and 10/19 at 1:30 & 3 pm, Walnut Creek Regional Ctr for the Arts. Colorful 50-min shows featuring dance & live music from Russia, Moldavia, the Ukraine, Argentina & the US. Actress/storyteller Marijo weaves a spell of magic with wonderful stories & performance pieces in between the dances. Chance for kids to enjoy the performing arts while learning about other cultures. Tix: $6 gen'l, $4 kids under 12. Info: 626-7360 (SF show), 943-SHOW (Walnut Creek).
DinoFest '91: Exhibit of 9 nearly lifesize automated dinosaurs. On exhibit thru 11/10 at the New Herbst Portico entrance of the Calif Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 750-7145.
Pumpkin Festival in Sonoma County at Farmer's Market, West Plaza Park, Healdsburg. 10/19. Pumpkin decorating & carving competition at 10 am, pumpkin pie contest, plus the Great Pumpkin Race (at 11 am)—Cars must be made of pumpkins with a wheel case no greater than 11", wheels can be vegetable or mechanical. Call (707) 431-8409 for details. Market open for shopping.
Cody's for Kids (and their parents) presents "Storytime at Cody's," Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and Saturday mornings at 11 am. For kids ages 4-10. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
Acting Adventures for People ages 8-80: Class with American Conservatory Theater teacher Lynn Soffer. Learn the basics of acting, using specific experiences. Class culminates in a short presentation. 10/27, 2-5 pm at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 Californa St, SF. Class size limited, please call by 10/8 to register. Info: 346-6040.
Are You A Mother Who Wants to Quit Smoking? Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services offers free stop-smoking classes for mothers. Informal, support group format. Learn how to stop smoking, reduce stress, and enjoy being a parent. Help with childcare & transportation provided. Info/reg: Carmela Rosales 565-7682.
SF SPCA Birthday Parties for Kids: SF SPCA offers "Animal Awareness" birthday parties for kids ages 4-9, proceeds benefit the Society's Humane Education Program. Available party themes are "Pets" or "Wild Animals". Costumed party leaders bring a visting animal to every extravangaza, drawing from a roster that includes Tom Turtle, Longfellow the Rabbit, and Chelsea the Dog. Lively puppet shows promote responsible pet care or respect for wildlife, kids play various animal-themed games, receive coloring books & special prizes. Program lasts about one hour, leaving plenty of time for refreshments & gift-opening; and can be held in homes, yards or parks. $80 donation requested per party, ½ price intro offer in August. Info: Kathy McAdams 554-3060.
Big Kids/Little Kids: Sat morning art class at the de Young Museum for children ages 3½-6 and their parents, designed for the creative child in everyone. Led by professional artists; young children & their parents see works of art in the museum, then participate in related art experiences. The program is free, but there is a $5 museum entrance fee for adults. Golden Gate Park, SF. Call 750-3658 for complete schedule & other info. 10:30 am.
Doing & Viewing Art at the deYoung, for ages 7-13: Tours of current exhibits followed by studio workshops given by professional artist-teachers. Students learn about art by seeing it & making it. Children accepted on a drop-in basis. Free. For schedule/info: 750-3658. Info: 750-3658.
Art After School at the de Young, for ages 4-16. Tours of the museum, touchable art, studio activities. For fee schedule & other info call 750-3658. Classes meet once a week for 7 weeks.
KidsSings! Family Sing with Nancy Cassidy and Schola Cantorum choral ensemble. Half-hour sings appropriate for kids up to age 12. Kids are free, if accompanied by an adult. Following the KidSing, kids can join childcare while adults enjoy the rest of the evening. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, call 903-6000 for info/res.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Both events are free & the public is welcome. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
"Under the Scuds: Response of Children in Haifa, Israel, to the Persian Gulf War," an exhibit of 21 drawings & collages done by Jewish & Arab schoolchildren in Haifa, Israel in immediate reaction to SCUD missile attacks during the Gulf War. Exhibit on view at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley. Thru 10/27. Hrs: Sun-Thurs 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710.
Parents & Family Support Group. Weekly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.
Survivors Speak Out on Violence Against Women: Speakers, educational forum, assertiveness training. Spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). Childcare provided. See Main Calendar, 12/10 listing for details
Gem Faire '91 Expo at Ft Mason Ctr features displays of gems, jewelry, minerals & fossils. Also special activities for kids. 10/4, noon-7 pm, 10/5, 10 am-7 pm, 10/6, 10 am-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2.50 srs, $1 youths ages 12-17, kids under 12 are free.
Bay Area Discovery Museum, an interactive museum for children, offers various programs for kids & their parents. October Activities: 10/27, 10 am-4 pm, **4th Annual Goblin Jamboree**—includes haunted house, petting zoo, puppet & musical theatre, pony rides, fishing booths, trick-or-treating, face-painting & more. Bay Area Discovery Museum is located under the Golden Gate Bridge, in Sausalito. From SF take the Alexander Ave exit off Hwy 101 in Sausalito, follow the signs to East Fort Baker; from the North & Eastbay, take the last exit before the Golden Gate Bridge & follow signs to East Fort Baker. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. For more info call 332-9646.
The SF League of Urban Gardens (SLUG) offers a learning & demonstration garden, Garden of the Environment, where workshops on organic gardening, water conservation & composting are regularly held. The Garden includes a children's gardening area. For more information call 468-0110.

3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

At Cody's Books: Author/educator Jonathan Kozol discusses his newest book, *Savage Inequalities*, a moving plea for fairness & decency in the way our country pays for the education of its children. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Global Riot at Josie's: Don't miss SF's only gay & lesbian comedy improv group. Directed by comic Suzy Berger. 8 pm, $8. 3583 18th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Electric City Video Show: insight, education & entertainment for the gay, lesbian & bisexual communities. Airs tonight & 10/9 at 8 pm; 10/6 & 13 at 10 pm, on SF's cable channel 35. Info: 861-7131.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Marilyn Pittman, Howard Stone, Jonna Tomases & Gail Hand. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 3 / T H U

14th Annual Mill Valley Film Fest runs today thru 10/10 & features American & international film screenings, seminars, a tribute to director John Frankenheimer, plus a 3-day videofest. Sequoia Theatre, 25 Throckmorton Ave, Mill Valley. For festival tix & full program details call the festival office 383-5346. Tonight's opening features a champagne reception preceding the screening of *Hard Promises*, a romantic comedy with Sissy Spacek and William Petersen, directed by Martin Davidson. Elegant late-night supper & music at the Outdoor Art Club follows screening. Several works by or of interest to lesbians & gays are featured in this 10-day film fest, see 10/4, 5, 6 & 10 listings for details.

"Rape or Rough Sex? Neil Gilbert & the Anti-Feminist Backlash," a presentation by SF Women Against Rape Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Kanenaga at UCSF's Toland Hall. Provides a critical inspection of the hotly contested, highly controversial research of UC Berkeley professor Neil Gilbert, which claims current sexual assault statistics have created a "phantom epidemic," She discusses the possible purpose behind Gilbert's assertions, examines Gilbert's arguments supporting his research, and discusses his stake in discrediting sexual assault research. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. Info: 476-5222.

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta Group for Women & Men, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 1-3 pm today & 10/10, 17 & 24. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Hynotherapy As A Career:: A free informational meeting for people interested in studying hypnosis & hypnotherapy, presented by John A Zulli, certified clinical hypnotherapist & director of the Hypnosis Training Institute of Central California. Topics discussed include career opportunities, hypnosis in the healing arts, & questions about hypnotherapy. Group hypnosis session offered. 5:30-6:30 pm at the Pruneyard Towers, 1901 South Bascom Ave, Campbell. Info: (408) 559-0195 or (408) 377-3523.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV Infection: Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to discuss your insurance questions or problems. Thursdays in October, tonight & 10/10, 17 & 24 (no clinic on Halloween). 6:15-8:30 pm, 114 Sansome St, Ste 1103, SF. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment, 291-5454.

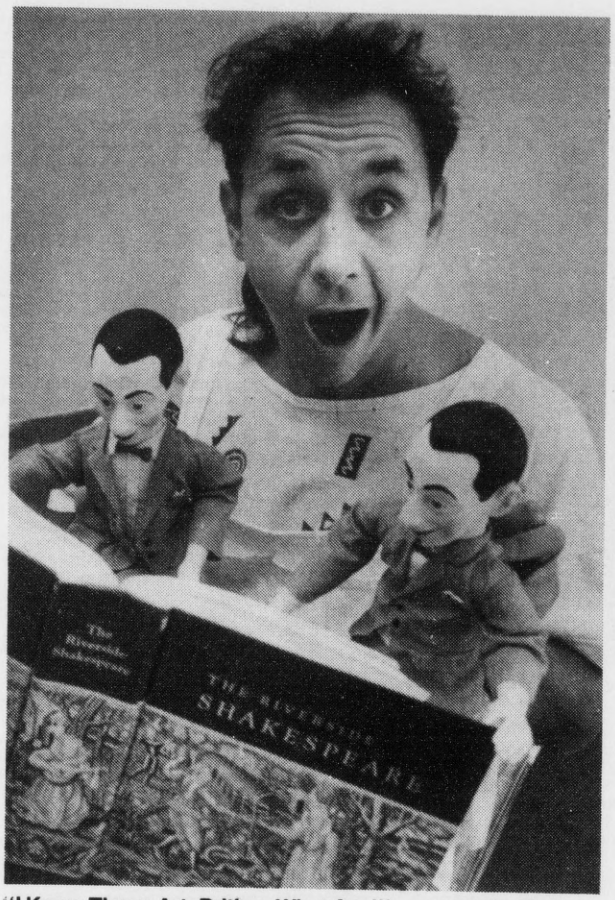
Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

6th Annual Edge Festival spons by Footwork, emphasizing artists outside the mainstream, opens with "Playing Awake," a workshop with solo performance artist Deborah Hay. 7-10 pm tonight & tmw, $60. Reservations recommended, call 824-5044 for res/info. The Festival runs four weekends, thru 11/9. For program details call 824-5044. 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF.

Whipping: Good Sense & Great Sensation—Class with Joseph Bean, managing editor of *Drummer Magazine*, part of QSM's aristic & educational series for the s/m community. Learn how tops & bottoms improve their flogging skills & get the most out of s/m play. Teacher demonstrates how a whipping scene can build from seductive caresses to crashing blows. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome if over 21. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $15. Info: 550-7776.

At Gaia Bookstore: Storyteller & author Diane Wolkstein reads from her new book, *The First Love Stories*, a work spanning 400 centuries and at least 10 cultures. 7 pm, $3, free with book. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Sex & The Sandinistas—video by Lucinda Broadbent, an inspiring look at the lives of lesbians & gay men in Nicaragua. Conditions before & after the 1979 revolution and under the US-backed Chamorro government are contrasted by lesbian & gay Sandinistas. 7 & 9 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Gloria La Riva's SF mayoral campaign. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.



"I Know Thous Art, Prithee What Am I"—a comedy of errors meets Pee Wee's Playhouse. Check it out on Oct. 6.

"Improve Your Eyesight Naturally," lecture by Kate Keilman, co-director of Changing Times Wholistic Health Ctr. Part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's fall health lecture series. Learn about nutrition enhancement, imagery, exercises & other lifestyle changes for near or far-sightedness, astigmatism, lazy-eye & more. Discussion of the Bates Method, a holistic, self-healing approach to vision improvement. 7-9 pm, $6. Pre-reg encouraged, call 923-3680. Light refreshments served. Planetree Health Resource Ctr at California Pacific Medical Ctr is a health & medical library & bookstore open to the public free of charge. 2040 Webster St, SF. Also see 10/10 listing.

"Making Every Day Count," Shanti Project's Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony: 3rd annual ceremony takes place tonight at the Grand Hyatt in SF. Dinner honors people with HIV/AIDS and volunteers, and is Shanti's major fundraising event of the year. Tix $150. For info/reg call 777-2273

"Hebraic Consciousness," 2nd lecture in the "A Journey Through the Evolution of Western Consciousness" lecture series with Robert McDermott. 7-9 pm. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Exotic Jewish Communities Around the World: Lecture series by Ken Blady, continues with "Jews from Joe Stalin's Home Turf," a history of the "Gruzinim" of Georgia on the Black Sea. Georgia is one of the few Jewish communities in a Christian land where Jews rarely experienced anti-Semitism. They trace their ancestry to the Northern Ten Tribes, and steadfastly clung to their faith despite Communist attempts to assimilate them. 7:30 pm, $7 drop-in. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Black Oak Books: Erika Taylor reads from her first novel, *The Sun Maiden*; Lane Von Herzen reads from his first novel, *Copper Crown*.. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At Good Vibrations Bookstore: Erotic writer Pat Califia (*Macho Sluts, Doc & Fluff, Advocate* columnist) reads from her recent, unpublished work in celebration of Banned Books Week. 8 pm, $3. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru*, lectures on "Healing Body, Mind & Spirit" at Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid: Josie's Cabaret extends this popular musical for 3 more shows (tonight at 8 pm, 10/4 & 5 at 7:30 pm, $10). "Dirty Dreams" focuses on the dreams, fears & memories of a group of men facing their HIV test results—a witty, sexy & irreverent look at gay male lives. 3583 18th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Cody's Books: Author Helen Palmer discusses the system of personality typology in her bestseller *The Enneagram,* which has been recently released in paperback. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Fadhattan '91: A New York Avant Garde Designer Showcase. Ten designers bring their "flashiest, bizarrest, realist & ritualist" designs to California. Features Michael Schmidt, Pat Field, Mr David of Glamamore, Ernie Glam, Lust, Thea Anema, David Dalrimple, House, Ronald Rentas. Runway show directed by Ernie Glam & Doris Kloster, music directed by Fred Giannelli of Psychic TV. Plus special performance by Mugler top model Connie Flemming, Gina Varlavetro of the Art School Girls of Doom & Jo Jo America of Maxi Records. At Club DV8, 55 Natoma St, SF. Info: FAD 647-7091.

OCT 4 / F R I

AmiExpo at Oakland Convention Center, see 10/4 listing for details. 10 am-6 pm.

Psycho Killers & Twisted Sisters: a clip/commentary presentation by gay film historian Daniel Mangin. An informative & entertaining look at lesbian/gay stereotypes in world cinema. Extensive survey of images includes predominantly American film clips, but also clips from Chinese, German, Italian, French & British films, circa 1930-91. Genres range from James Bond thrillers to '60s educational films, from adult dramas to kid's cartoons. A timely examination of the type of negative imagery now being protested by actvists, this presentation was a sellout at last year's SF Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, don't miss it! Shows 10 am today at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF and 7 & 9:30 pm on 10/17 at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF.

Gem Faire '91: A fabulous exhibition/festival of gemstones, jewelry, minerals & fossils from over 50 importers & wholesalers worldwide. Includes live mining demos, free gemstone identification, jewelry repair & manufacturing demo. Also entertainment for kids. Today thru 10/6, $3 gen'l, $2.50 srs, $1 youth ages 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Center, SF. Hours: Noon-7 pm on Fri, 10 am-7 pm on Sat, 10 am-5 pm on Sun.

AmiExpo California, a computer show dedicated to the multimedia Amiga personal computer. Today thru 10/6 at the Oakland Convention Center, Oakl. Come find out how to add audio or visual special effects to your vacation, business or music videos, meet experts, get a peek at the hundreds of products that work with the Amiga, a personal computer designed to connect to your Camcorder, VCR or TV. Tix $15 adv, $20 at door. Info: 1-800-32-AMIGA. 1-6 pm.

Youth Support Group meets at Operation Concern. Spons by the LYFE program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, see 9/27.

TGIF with Southbay BACW (Bay Area Career Women) this evening at Selections, 1984 Oakland Road in San Jose. $4. Info: (408) 428-0329. Valid picture ID required.

Intro to Tap Dance for gay men & lesbians. 3-wk session will give you the basic elements of tap, have you "tripping the light fantastic" before you know it. 6-7 pm, $24 adv reg, $29 first day of class. For info/reg call Gene 979-6579.

14th Annual Mill Valley Film Videofest (see 10/3 listing) opens tonight with *Sex Change—Shock! Horror! Probe!* (UK), producer/director Kristiene Clark's poignant & fascinating look at transsexualism. 6 pm, Masonic Hall. Info: 383-5346.

"The Wise Woman Tradition of Healing," a free lecture by Susun Weed at Sonoma State University, 1801 E Cotati Ave, Rohnert Park, Room 1002. 7 pm. Learn how to distinguish (and use to your benefit) scientific fixing, heroic cleansing, wise woman nourishing. For info call the Women's Resource Ctr (707) 664-2845 or Stephanie Houston (707) 869-0530.

Partner Dancing for gay men & lesbians: Come learn ten of the most popular partner dances, including: two-step, swing, waltz, salsa, cha-cha & more. Great way to make new friends in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. 6-wk course, $60 adv reg, $65 first day of class. Beginners 7-8:30 pm, intermediates 8:30-10 pm. Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St nr 11th, SF. Info: Gene 979-6579.

"Courage Under Fire: A Despair & Empowerment Workshop," with Joanna Macy which draws on spiritual traditions, general systems theory & transpersonal psychology. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm 10/5 & 6. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"Rekindling the Spirit in Work," a lecture tonight, 7-9 pm, followed by workshop 9:30 am-5 pm tomorrow, with Howard Schechter. Participants gain clarity about one's goals in work & the skills required to reach those goals while fostering awareness of personal strengths & processes which block rewarding work. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"Journey of the Heart: The Path of Conscious Relationship," a series of seminars (tonight & 10/11 & 18, 7-9:30 pm) with John Welwood on intimate relationship as a path of personal & spiritual development. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends. Come let go of the week & bring in the Shabbat with song, food, schmooze & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color & Sephardic women especially welcome. Eastbay location this month—7:30 pm. Bring a substantial potluck vegetarian dish. Call 533-4778 before today to RSVP & get the location.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid at Josie's, see 10/3.

Old First Concert Series continues with Sylvie Dusseau, violin, and Janet Guggenheim, piano, in a program of works by Bach, Prokofiev & Brahms. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.

Jeff Massanari in Concert at KBBK Studios. An eve of jazz, fusion & rock guitar wizardry. 8 pm, $6. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Call 563-9046 for res/info.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Herbert Gold reads passages describing gay life in Haiti from his new book *Best Nightmare on Earth: A Life in Haiti.* 8 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Cody's Books: Author Pico Iyer (*Video night in Katmandu*) discusses his new book *The Lady & The Monk*, the story of his year in a Kyoto Zen Buddhist monastery & his improbable relationship with a Japanese housewife. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

The Edlos, "the bad boys of a cappella," in concert at Amador Theatre, 1155 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton with special guest host "Paul of the Diamond Center." 8 pm, $12. Info: 775-9627.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Anniversary party for the "I Am Your Sister" Conference, a celebration of the writing of Audre Lorde. Come see the video made at last year's "celeconference" held in Boston, and talk with the people who organized, performed and attended the event. 8 pm, $3-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. Ten percent of the proceeds from video & book sales go toward paying off the conference debt. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

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comedy improv group (Karen Ripley, Anne Larson, Teresa Chandler & Marion Damon) perform at La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $8-10. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Judy Small, Australian folk singer & Redwood Records artist, in concert at the Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8:30 pm, $8 adv, $9 at door.

"Trespassed Graves," "anti-tragedy" featuring dance, music, design & sculpture, an innovative work by local choreographer Cid Pearlman, tonight & 10/5, 11 & 12 at 8:30 pm. Her work is performed by the eclectic collective Nesting Dolls. The Next Stage, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 864-2043.

nZinga World Beat Dance Party at El Rio with dj Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Hot Laugh Riot at Josie's with comics Karen Williams & Marilyn Pittman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. One night only, don't miss!

"That's Animation!" 3-hour program of recent work by Bay Area animators. 11 pm on KQED Channel 9. Program includes works utilizing a wide range of animation techniques and a variety of subjects & moods. Works by Steven Vander Meer, Seth Olitsky, Cindy Canejo, Luke Jaeger, Hal Rucker, Tom Young, Timothy Lee Hittle & Henry Selick.

k.d. lang stars in "Salmonberries"—will she or won't she? Find out on Oct 5.

OCT 5 / S A T

AmiExpo at Oakland Convention Center. Final day! See 10/4 listing for details. 10 am-5 pm.

Conscious Loving Wkshop. Today & tmw, facilitated by Marlena S Lyons, PhD and Jett Psaris, MBA. A workshop for lesbians in relationship, or seeking relationship. $150 per person. Secluded, wooded retreat center. For info/res: 482-1531. Spons by Conscious Living Center.

Green Witch Intensive Spend a wkend with herbalist & author Susun Weed. Explore the green world around you, find the healer, goddess & wise woman within. For more info call Stephanie (707) 869-0530. This will be Susun's only Bay Area workshop.

Proposed: That the Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Center become the Santa Cruz Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Community Center—lesbians & gay men gather at Loudon Nelson Community Center to discuss their feelings regarding this proposal. Each group gathers separately at 9 am, both join at 1:30 pm (after lunch) to discuss together their opinions/ideas. Bisexual men & women gather on 10/6 to hear the conclusions of the lesbians & gay men, & to discuss their reactions to the responses, and to the proposal itself. SIGN interpretation provided, call (408) 425-LGCC to reserve. Wheelchair Accessible, please refrain from wearing scented personal products.

Lafayette-Moraga Trail/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Rte 24 East to Pleasant Hill Rd exit. Go south on Pleasant Hill Rd to intersection of Pleasant Hill Rd & Olympic Blvd. Turn right on Olympic & meet 9:30 am in first parking lot on right. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Lesbian Relationships in the '90s: an ongoing series presented by WOMAN, Inc presents "Creating & Exploring Relationships that Last," a panel discussion with Yeal Silverberg-Willis, LuAna Silverberg-Willis, Celinda Cantu & Bamboo Ilana. 10 am-3 pm. Afternoon presentation & discussion by Janet Linder. $35 adv, $40 at door, price includes lunch. 940 Powell St, SF. Info/reg: 864-4777

Gem Faire '91 at SF's Ft Mason Center, see 10/4.

Caregiving: The Final Stage—wkshop spons by Kairos House, A Community Resource Ctr for Caregivers. Focus on helping caregivers examine their views & experiences of death, and prepare for supporting a patient, friend or loved one during the final stages of life. All caregivers of persons with life-threatening illnesses are welcome, each participant will receive a "Final Stage" booklet. 10 am-4 pm at Ralph K Davies Hospital, SF. $35. Non-refundable, prereg required. Scholarships are available. Call 861-0877 for info/details. Registered nurses receive continuing education credit.

Remodeling Your House or Apartment: A wkshop with Women Empowering Women Tradeswomen, spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. 10 am-4 pm $35-55 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Come with your ideas & questions, learn about projects you can do yourself. Instructor goes thru worksheets to help you plan a project, develop a budget, deal with building regulations & permits, select a contractor, and deal with bidding. Women Empowering Women (WE Women) is an organization started by women in the trades to teach other women in a safe & supportive environment. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.

Composting Wkshop: Spons by the SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). Learn to make & use compost. Wkshop includes demos, hands-on activities & instruction in several compost systems designed for use by city dwellers. Held at the Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton, SF. Info/reg: SLUG 468-0110.

Mascaritas Puppet Theatre at La Pena, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Weekend College Information Mtg: Find out how you can finish your BA in as little as one year. 10:30-noon every Sat at morning this month at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: Ruby 626-1794 ext 162.

"Pro-Choice & Proud of It!" is the theme for today's march & rally in support of women's reproductive rights, spons by a broad-based coalition of pro-choice groups. Come demonstrate & let the anti-choice forces see the overwhelming grassroots support that exists for legal abortion & effective family planning. Assemble at 11 am at SF's Justin Hermann Plaza (Embarcadero, at the foot of Market St), march at noon to Civic Center Plaza, rally & speakers at 1 pm. Info: SF Area Pro-Choice Coalition 255-1989.

Group Rituals for Modern Primitives by Fakir Musafar. Part of QSM's artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Discussion & slideshow of the great variety of s/m oriented rituals that are now beingdone on the West Coast. Some participants present to talke about their experiences. $10. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm at a private SF space. Men & women of all sexual orientations welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Cody's for Cooks features Jim Dodge, whose desserts have been featured in nearly every major US food magazine. Dodge discusses his new book, *Baking With Jim Dodge*. Come hear & taste. 2 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"I Know Thou Art, Prithee What Am I?" A "Comedy of Errors" meets "Pee Wee's Playhouse" today at 2 pm. Imagine Shakespeare's tackiest play set in Pee Wee Herman's wacky mondo! No parts rehearsed, this is an audience-participation party held by Joeworks, in conjunction with the Cacophany Society. Bring your own copy of the script,your own character interpretations, your own food/non-alcoholic beverages, plus goofy sound effects, and grab a role! Redwood Memorial Grove, Golden Gate Park (just west of the Rose Garden, on JFK Drive), SF. Info: Joe Collins (510) 653-4571.

Two Spirit People: Lori Levy, Micahel Beauchemin & Gretchen Vogel's video features gay & lesbian Native Americans talking about sexuality, cultural identity, ethnic stereotypes & their place in society today. 2:30 pm at Masonic Hall. Film airs as part of the 14th Annual Mill Valley Film Fest, see 10/3 listing for details.

BACW Marin Zen Hike: Join Bay Area Career Women for a casual stroll thru Zen gardens, then it's off to Gatsby's in Sausalito for the perfect pizza. 5 pm. Info: Mary 892-1207.

Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance (GLAA) Gen'l Mtg & Potluck Dinner: 6-9 pm at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Info: Steven 863-3353.

Author TL Parkinson signs copies of his new book, *The Man Upstairs*, a surreal psychosexual thriller set in SF. 6 pm at Dark Carnival Bookstore, 2978 Adeline, Berkeley. Inf: (510) 845-7757.

"Gay Nineties to Gay '90s: A Century of Lesbian & Gay San Francisco," is the theme of tonight's 8th annual Alliance Celebration. A fundraiser for The Alliance, the largest lesbian & gay political action committee in California. Sheraton Palace Hotel, SF. 7 pm reception, the Ralston Room, 8 pm gala dinner, Grand Ballroom. Tix: $150 individual (for one), $300 sponsor (for two), $600 patron (for four), $1200 (for eight).

Womyn, Women & Wimmin Read from Barbara Ruth's work in a benefit for her. Barbara Ruth has lost her home, most of her possessions, and become seriously ill as a result of chemical poisoning. Readers include members of Wry Crips, Mothertongue, and other friends & admirers of Barbara Ruth. 7 pm, $5 & up donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. SIGN interpretation & childcare provided with at least one week's notice, call 848-5966 for res & other access info. Please wear no scented products on your clothing or body (in order to make event accessible to women with environmental illness). Womyn-only event. Wheelchair Accessible, El seating. First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way at Durant, Berkeley.

Susun Weed at Women's Moon Lodge in Santa Rosa: 7-11 pm. Come share sacred space, sing & dance special menstrual songs, share our blood mysteries, travel on a shamanic journey & learn about herbs, rituals & remedies to turn our pain into power. For more info call Stephanie (707) 869-0530.

At A Different Light Bookstore: author Matthew Stadler reads from his novel just released in paperback, *Landscape Memory*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid—last night at Josie's! See 10/3 listing for details.

k.d. lang stars as Kotzebue in *Salmon Strawberries*. Film screens tonight at 7:45 pm at the Sequoia I Theatre, as part of the Mill Valley Film Festival. For more info see 10/3 listing.

The Edlos, "the bad boys of a capella," in concert tonight at On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF. 8 pm, $12-14. Info: 775-9627.

Runway 1991: The House of ExtravaGAPA presents the annual Miss GAPA & Gay Asian Pacific Man Pageant & Ball. Features performances by Asian Sensation, AWE (Asians With Egos), Nasty Boys, The Wetter Girls, Miss GAPA 1990 and, direct from LA, Boy Toy Productions. 8 pm, $10. 1750 Clay St, btwn Polk & Van Ness, SF. Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Dino 821-7980.

Karumanta performs traditional & original music from the Andean regions of Bolivia, Peru & Ecuador. 8pm, $8 at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Call 563-9046 for res/info.

The Breakout Theatre Co presents "My Dog Ate It," a wacky piece following two dogs in search for the really true meaning of life. 8 pm, $7. 449 Powell St, btwn Post & Sutter, SF. Info: 388-5100.

Dance the Night Away: A gala extravaganza, black-tie optional benefit for Project Open Hand. Features 3 dance venues & multiple stages, with music ranging from hi-energy dance mixes to soothing jazz. Plus incredible edibles & silent auction of goods & services. Entertainment line-up includes: Jennifer Holliday, John Lee Hooker & the *Coast to Coast Blues Band*, EC Scott, *The Ohio Players, Pride & Joy*, Danny Hull and the *South Bay Jazz All Stars*, Jeff Narell's *Rhythm & Steel* and the Eastbay's award-winning jazz/blues vocalist Clairdee. From 2-4 am Mixtress Page Hodel of the Box turns the rooftop jazz venue into a wild SOMA dance party. Tix: $50 per person, includes admission to all events. $200 VIP tix includes all entertainment, valet parking, dinner & admission to the VIP lounge. 8 pm-4 am at the Fashion Center, SF. Project Open Hand provides meals & companionship to men, women & children with AIDS. Tix at BASS, call 762-BASS for info.

Impromptu Saturday Night celeb with Girth & Mirth Club. 8-11 pm. For location & more info call 824-0260.

Club Country: Country western dance for women & their friends. Dance & line dance lessons from 8-9 pm, dance & entertainment from 9 pm-1 am. $7 at Olive Oils, Pier 50, SF. 295 China Basin Way, SF. Info: 647-9662 or 272-0281.

ATA's Other Cinema series features "Daring Divas," a month-long "sisters' pictures' series, opening with tonight's program featuring Maria Beatty's *Sphinxes Without Secrets*, a video survey of the best & brightest female performance artists in the US. Includes work by Diamanda Galas, Holly Hughes, Rachel Rosenthal, Robbie McCauley, Laurie Anderson, Carolee Schneemann, Johanna Went, Suzanne Lacy, Dianne Torr, Pat Olezko, Scarlot Harlot, and many others; plus live performances by Rachel Kaplan & Pamela Z. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

"An Eve with Deborah Hay: Come Prepared to Perform," an exploration & performance for workshop participants & audience members. Free. Part of Footwork's 6th Annual Edge Festival, see 10/3 listing for details. 8:30 pm.

"Trespassed Graves," at The Next Stage, see 10/4.

Marin Night Out with singer Judith Kate Friedman. An intimate eve of eclectic, fresh folk music at Caffe Nuvo, San Anselmo Ave. 9 pm, no cover, donation suggested. Info: 454-4530.

Lisa Gray, 1991 Cable Car Award winner at the Blue Muse. An eve of jazz, blues, ballads & more. Sets at 9, 10 & 11 pm. No cover, 2-drink minimum. 409 Gough at Hayes, SF. Info/res: 626-7505.

Klubstitute Queer Nite Club & Cabaret presents The Royal Order of Water Buffaloes Farewell Party for Drew Macaroni & Cheese—All members must attend! Performances by homocore dyke thrash band, *Tribe 8*; screetchin' dykecore band, *The Lucy Stoners*; Pee Wee Herman drag by Flynn; beautiful renditions of popular songs by street performer Suzy Sounds, plus Drew Macaroni & Cheese in a bon voyage industrial solo. Also dynamic dj duo Remix Von Popstitute & Drew Marcaroni & Cheese. So come get a free silly hat, learn the silly secret handshake, hear silly jokes and tell a few too! $4.98 cover, 21 & over, please bring ID. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic (in the upper Haight), SF. For full info on this & other Klubstitute events call Diet or Remix at 826-5358 AFTER NOON ONLY.

Ritmo Latino plays a mix of Chicano, Tex-Mex & salsa music La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 9:30 pm, $8. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Electric City Video Show provides insight, education & entertainment for the lesbian, gay & bisexual community. Show airs tonight & tmw at 10 pm on cable channel 50 in Oakland & Richmond. Program details: 861-7131.

Rock at El Rio with *Vitamen F, Less is More* and *Happy Going Nowhere*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with Karen Ripley, Nora Frala & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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World Vegetarian Day Celebration: The Bay Area's celebration features talk by activist Frances Moore Lappe, author of *Diet for a Small Planet* at UC Berkeley. Also panel on the connections btwn vegetarianism & animal rights, led by local activist China Kantner. Plus discussion on water issues in Calif as relates to a vegetarian diet, video viewing, and other related issues. Musical entertainment, food & info tables provided. $10 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Info/reg: 665-8141.

Gem Faire '91 at Ft Mason Center. Final day! See 10/4 listing for details.

Peter Reed's *Paper Cranes*, a short film exploring the effects of Hirsohima, Vietnam & AIDS on the lives of Americans in the Fifties, Sixties & Nineties, screens as part of the 14th Annual Mill Valley Film Festival. 10:45 am, Sequoia I. See 10/3 listing for details.

Elmwood Faire in Berkeley: Collge Avenue at Ashby is blocked off 11 am-5 pm for a wonderful afternoon street fair. Includes live music & entertainment, children's activities, delicious food & shopping in a variety of stores & booths. Come out for a fun-filled, traffic-free day! Spons by the Elmwood Merchants Assn & the City of Berkeley.

Bi-Friendly Castro Street Fair Trip: Join other bi's & friends for a stroll thru one of SF's favorite street fairs. Meet 11 am at the Bagdad Cafe, Market & Noe. Info: John 775-5697.

Not Just for Jewish Newcomers Fair: Noon-4 pm at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California at Presidio, SF. Music, food & information about the vast variety of activites available in the local Jewish community. Info: 346-6040. Spons by the SF & Brotherhood Way JCC's and the Jewish Community Federation.

18th Annual Castro Street Fair: Returns with a full afternoon of fun, starting at noon. Stage is at the intersection of Market & Castro Sts. Lots of entertainment, arts & crafts, food, etc. Entertainers include: miss Androgynus, Mrs Jones, Pansy Division, Bambi, Desert Storm, Angel Corpus Christi, Jane Genet & the Tacky Snappers, Simone (sword dancers), Marga Gomez, Elvis Herselvis, Pat Wilder, the cast of Vegas in Space, Enrique, Talouse La Groove, Genuine Diamelles, Karen Williams, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Patsy Cline & the Memphis G-Spots. See you there!

Winning Against Weeds Wkshop spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners. Find out just what our local weeds look like, and how we can control & use them. Wkshop utilizes slides (and possibly a garden visit) to teach participants how to identify weeds in all their different parts & phases; plus weed control techniques (learn methods that don't involve chemical herbicides as well as how to use chemical herbicides & soap sprays with relative safety). $10. For location/reg & other info call SLUG 468-0110.

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Lesbian Cultural Uprising! Get involved in planning a celebration of our diversity, by and for lesbians, spons by Lesbian Uprising! Event is planned for 11/24. Lesbian Uprising! seeks women artists with poetry, music, drama, dances, comedy, storytelling or any other performance arts to participate, especially lesbians who have never performed in public before. For info contact Laura 626-7821.

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, Franklin at Geary, SF. Speaker Douglas Yaranon discuses "GAPA: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance & its Work." Plus another of Romeo's rhadamanthine raffles—bring an anonymously wrapped gift for the raffle to benefit G Forty's treasury. Info: 552-1997.

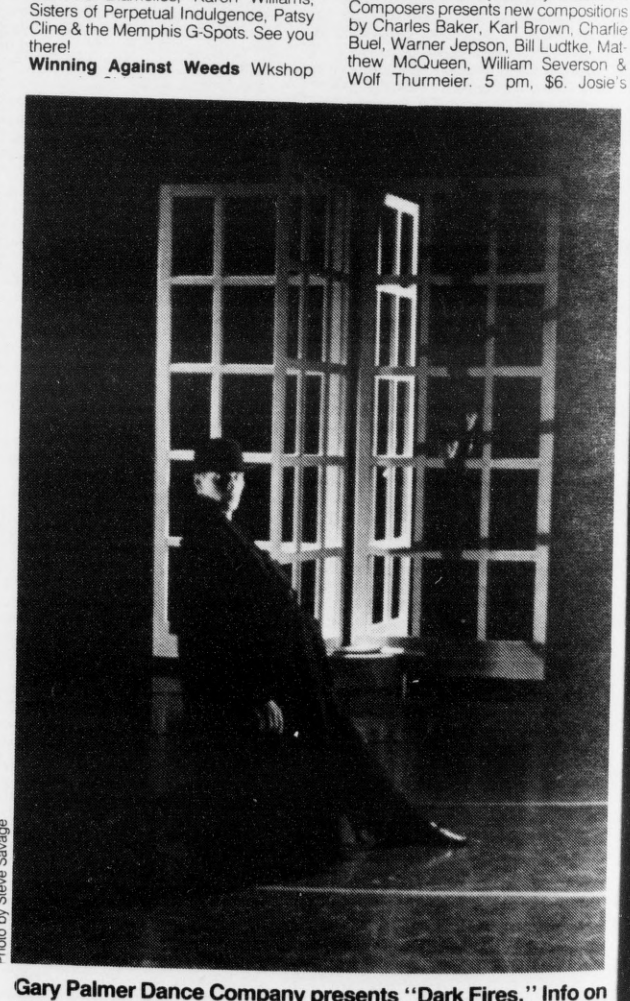
Bay Area Old Lesbian Dance spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 3-6 pm, $7 at the Sailboat Club House on Lake Merritt, Oakl. Info: 626-7000.

The Alexander String Quartet opens SF State University's Morrison Artists' Series with an all-Beethoven concert. 3 pm, free. McKenna Theater, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-1358.

World premiere of Marlon Riggs' *Color Adjustment*, an extensive examination of how network entertainment can shape, mirror & sometimes distort the social reality of black & white relationships. Riggs (*Tongues Untied*) tightly weaves clips from such TV shows as Amos & Andy, Beulah & Cosby with candid interviews of noted celebrities Diahann Carroll, Ester Rolle & Norman Lear. Riggs & producer Vivian Kleiman will make an post-screening appearance. At Sequoia Theatre I. Part of the 14th Annual Mill Valley Film Festival, see 10/3 listing for details.

Salsa at El Rio with Benny Velarde & *Super Combo*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

The Hungry Ear: Works for Tape, Keyboards, Computers, Toy Piano & Voice—The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers presents new compositions by Charles Baker, Karl Brown, Charlie Buel, Warner Jepson, Bill Ludtke, Matthew McQueen, William Severson & Wolf Thurmeier. 5 pm, $6. Josie's



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Gary Palmer Dance Company presents "Dark Fires." Info on Oct. 9.

Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Nona Caspers reads from & signs copies of her first novel, *The Blessed*, a thriller combining suspense, a love story & a spiritual quest. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
See *Thank You* *& Good Night*, Jan Oxenberg's wryly humorous yet deeply emotional account of the death of the filmmaker's grandmother. Knowing death is near, Oxenberg's real life grandma Mae Joffe asks her granddaughter to follow her to the other side. "Bring your camera," she adds.After Mae's passing, the filmmaker tackles the issues of grief & mourning in a stylistic tour de force ranging from cinema verite to low budget sci-fi. This film was awarded best documentary feature at the 1991 SF Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, it screens tonight as part of the Mill Valley Film Fest (see 10/3 for details).
Ski with SAGA North Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. First meeting of the season tonight at 6:30 pm. Come sign-up, get info on upcoming trips to Aspen, Whistler, Heavenly, Tahoe's North Shore & more. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Info: 995-2772.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Editor Judith Brady & local contributors host a bookparty for the new anthology *1 in 3: Women with Cancer Confront an Epidemic*. Contributors present include Nancy Bruning, Noelle Caskey, Rosylyn Dean, Reina Diaz, Susan Lyroff, Simi Litvak, Linda Reyes & Cindy Winslow. 7 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Peruvian Film Night at La Pena: See ***Juliana*** (1988), the moving story of a 13 year old who becomes a runaway after suffering abuse from her stepfather. Also *Cesar Vallejo*, the story of the life of internationally acclaimed Peruvian poet Cesar Vallejo. 7 pm, $8. Proceeds benefit the building of the New Rezola Hospital in Peru. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Whiptail Womyn's Collective: a group of womyn working to make a diverse, drug, alcohol & tobacco free, womyn-only space available, invites you to a inspiration meeting tonight, 7 pm at New College, 766 Valencia St, SF. If you're a womon who wants to create community, an artist looking for a place to perform or show, a tradeswomon with talents to share, or a long-lost whiptail who still carries a flame, your dreams & ideas are welcome, there's room for everywomon's iddas & level of involvement. Call 267-6979 for more info. Also see 10/13 listing.
At A Different Light Bookstore: The "Hot Blooded" series presents Dodie Bellamy & Suzette Partido reading from new work. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro ST, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Bay Area Concerto Orchestra performs as part of Old First Concert series. Works by Mozart, Handel & Delius, plus world premiere of Kurt Rapf's "Violin Concerto No 2," with violinist Joseph Gold. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St, SF. Info: 474-1608.
ODC/SF: Loose the Thread, a tour de force interpretation of the life & times of Virginia Woolf and the Bloomsbury Group by choreographer Brenda Way and videomaker Wendy Blair Slick. 9:15 pm, Masonic Hall. Part of the 14th Annual Mill Valley Film Festival, see 10/3 listing for details.
Electric City Video Show airs tonight in the Eastbay (see 10/5) and in SF (see 10/2).

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Suggested Deadline for registration for Capp Street Foundation's "Art is Fresh: Workshops on the Realities of the Art World" series, see 10/12 listing for details.
Women's Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 6-8 pm tnight & 10/21. 1853 MArket St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
The Flirtations **at Josie's:** Return engagement by America's only politically-active, openly gay, five-voice a capella singing group. Great music—don't miss their distinctive, brand of witty, acrobatic doo-wopp. Plays Mon, Tues & Wed, 7 & 9 pm, tonight thru 10/16. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Ronnie Lott at Cody's tonight to discuss his penetrating autobiography *Total Impact: Straight Talk from Football's Hardest Hitter*. 7-9 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
SF Mayoral Candidates Night spons by LAFA (Lesbian Agenda for Action). Focus on issues of concern to the gay & lesbian community. Lesbian organizations & activists are welcome to bring questions of concern to tonight's meeting. Panel of lesbian activists will pose questions for one hour, then members of the audience are welcome to present questions. Invited mayoral candidates: SF Mayor Agnos, SF Supervisors Alioto & Hsieh, SF Assessor Hongisto, former police commissioner Frank Jordan and socialist candidate Gloria La Riva. 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) spons a Musicians Network Group tonight at 7 pm. For location & other info call Jon Sugar 731-2424.
Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 10/14, 21 & 28 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others!) are welcome. Info: Pierre 753-0687.
At Gaia Bookstore: Christina Baldwin discusses her book, *Journal Writing As A Spiritual Quest. 7 pm, $3, free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.*
Upstart Stage Staged Reading series presents "Semi-Sterile," by Peter Sagal. A family confronts the unpleasant effects of brain damage & genre fiction. At Laval's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid in Berkley.
The Marin Men's Gathering spons "What Does the Bible Say About Homosexuality?" with Reverends David Jenkins & Scott Phipps. An evening of exploration & discussion on the biblical scriptures that supposedly condemn homosexuality. 7:30-10 pm, $5-10 SL donation. Hammond Hall, Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill, Mill Valley (corner of Lovell & Old Mill). The Marin Men's Gathering is a group for gay & bisexual men & their friends in Marin County, affiliated with the Metropolitan Community Churches. Info: Scott Phipps 383-7760.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 10/21 for food, drink & converation. All bisexuals & bi-friendly others are welcome! 7:30 pm upstairs at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph Ave at Parker, SF. Info: Susan 524-0574.
At Black Oak Books: Paula Gunn Allen, historian, anthropologist & scholar of Native American life & literature, discusses her latest book, *Grandmothers of the Light: A Medicine Woman's Sourcebook*. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) at Asian American Theatre: Night of improv comedy stories & plays based on audience suggestions. 8 pm, $7. 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Info: 824-8220.
At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Former Provincetown elementary school principal Jacqueline Holt Park reads from her debut novel, *A Stone Gone Mad*, a lesbian odyssey about a woman coming to grips with her sexual & spiritual identity. This poetic & witty novel was one of only ten books showcased by Random House Publishing at this year's American Bookseller's Association Convention. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
The Green Man, a weekly experiential workshop for all men, offered by Harvey Stein. Every Mon night thru 12/23. $55 fee for 4 wks. 8-10 pm, 352 Precita Ave, SF. Info: 282-2213.
Butoh Dance Theatre presents "Wonder; Lotus or Dream of Dawn," a new butoh piece exploring relationships between time & space, gender, spirit & desire. Butoh dancer Kinji Hayashi blends butoh and queer cultures in a personal expression of identity. 8:30 pm tonight & 10/14 & 21. 3385 22nd St, SF. Info: 206-1418.

Photo by Carol Rosegg
"Cats" is back! OnStage has details.

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"The Life & Art of Frida Kahlo," a slideshow/discussion about the famous Mexican painter, by Maria Pinedo, director of SF's Galeria de la Raza. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. HSW 300. Info: 476-0400.
Mixed Bi Support Group in Marin, spons by the Ministry of Light. Tonight is the 2nd meeting of this new mixed bi support group. For time, location & other info call Hap 388-6561.
Sexual Minority Women's Forum at Pacific Center: Take the next step for Coming Out Day by discussing the concerns & program needs of Eastbay lesbians & other sexual minority women. 6-8 pm. 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
"Romance According to A Course in Miracles," a talk by Jim Spillane, personal growth instructor specializing in self esteem, relationships & communication. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Deutschemarks Uber Alles: *The Failure of East Germany's Silent Revolution*—hour-long documentary on the collapse of East Germany and its absorption by the West, seen thru the eyes of young East German activists and older anti-Nazi resistance veterans. 7 pm, $5 gen'l, discounts available for students. Opera Plaza Theatre, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Spons by New American Makers. Info: 695-2904.
Invisibility Blues: Tonight's Radical Women mtg discussion topic: Michelle Wallace's latest book, a collection of essays on African-American culture, Black feminism, and more. This is the last program in RW's feminist theory series. Snacks served at 7 pm ($3.50 donation for snack plate), mtg starts at 7:30. Women's Resource Ctr, Student Union Bldg, SF State University. Info: 864-1278.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Gen'l Mtg: 7 pm. For info call Jon Sugar at 731-2424.
The Flirtations at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/7.
Jewish Video Series at SF Jewish Community Center: See *The Arab & the Israeli*, a PBS documentary on two peace activists: Michael Baron of the Israeli military & Mohammed Milhelm, former mayor of a West Bank town. Also see screening of *Media Coverage of the Disturbances in Judea, Sumaria & Gaza*. 7 pm, $2. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Sea Snakes, SF gay & lesbian scuba club, meets tonight. Come plan the dive trip to Monterey (scheduled for 10/19). Also learn about the club, other upcoming dive trips, and scuba certification classes for non-divers. 7 pm at #1 St Francis Place (3rd & Folsom), SF. In the Community Room.
Man2Man: Being Intimate: Come start linking heart-to-heart with other men. 7-9 pm, tonight & 10/22, free. At Rest Stop Center, 134 Church St, SF. Info: Tommy 239-7839.
BACW Marin Business Mtg: Bay Area Career Women meet to discuss fall season activities. Come get involved! Info: Sandi or Lynne 457-4866.
Ask Isadora: relationships columnist Isadora Alman, MA, MFCC speaks tonight as part of SF Jewish Community Center's "Tempting Tuesday" singles lecture series. 7:30 pm, $12. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
At Black Oak Books: Author Mary Clearman Blew (*Runaway; Lambing Out*) reads from her new work, *All But the Waltz: Essays On A Montana Family*, 11 virtuoso pieces on life & death on the Montana plains. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Modern Times Bookstore: Feminist Laguna-Sioux author Paula Gunn Allen hosts a reading/bookparty for *Grandmothers of the Light: A Medicine Woman's Sourcebook*, a collection of 21 mythic tales concerning Native American goddesses, healers, shamans & wisewomen. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
At Cody's Books: Author Tom Spanbauer discusses his book, *The Man Who Fell In Love With the Moon*, the story of a half-breed bisexual boy who makes his living at a whorehouse in turn of the century Idaho. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

OCT 9 / WED

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt needs help in planning for the Quilt display next year, see 9/27 listing for details.
BACW Sonoma County Russian River Flotilla trip—today's the deadline for registration! See 10/12 listing.
Empowerment Careers in Latin America. Workshop for persons with cultural sensitivity & some commitment to social change. $35. Spons by BOSS-America/Servicios Metropolitanos. 15th & Dolores St, SF. For time & other info call 626-6706, ext 2.
Asian AIDS Project seeks volunteers, see 10/2 listing for details.
UC GALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) has established a scholarship program for UC Berkeley students. Donations are greatly welcome, see 10/2 listing.
Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Total Touch Massage: Drop-in group oil massage for men. A nonsexual event open to all men who want to explore touch with other men in a group situation. Safe, pleasant & fun environment. Nurture feelings of love & respect for ourselves & each other. Limited to 15 men. Grop begins promptly at 7 pm (no one admitted after this time, you should arrive anytime btwn 6:45-7.) $15 per person. Tonight & 10/16, 23, 30.
The Flirtations at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/7 listing for details.
Bi-Friendly UC meets tonight for support group/social, see 10/2.
NGLTF Mtg: Local unit of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, a national lesbian/gay rights organization, meets 7 pm the 2nd & 4th Wed of each month (tonight & 10/23) at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Paula Gunn Allen discusses *Grandmothers of the Light: A Medicine Women's Sourcebook*, a book about the Native American Goddesses who have guided & shaped female shamans for centuries. 7 pm, $3, free with book purchase. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave, & Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.
Finding Partners & Developing Intimacy: 2nd in a series of wkshops on developing intimacy. Brief presentation, followed by small group discussion. Spons by Spiritual Partnerships Associates. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Keith 252-9084.
At Black Oak Books: Connie Porter reads from her first novel, *All-Bright Court*, a moving story tracing two decades in the lives of the Black families who inhabit a crumbling complex of dwellings in the shadow of a steel mill near Buffalo, New York. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Comedy Night at El Rio with Scott Capurro, Kevin Katioca & Ebby Parker. 3158 Mission St, SF. Call 282-3325 for showtime & other info.
Author Mordecai Richler (*Joshua Then & Now, Somon Gursky Was Here, The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*), speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's 11th Annual Literary Events at Herbst Theatre lecture series. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Info: 552-3656.
The Gary Palmer Dance Co presents "Dark Fires," a full-length exploration of intimate human relationships. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, tonight thru 10/12, with 3 pm performance on 10/13. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Tix $12 & $15. Info: 621-7797 or 762-BASS.
Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Learn ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Beginners welcome! Every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at SF

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Dance Theatre, 60 Brady at Market & Gough, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.
Electric City Video Show airs tonight, see 10/2.

OCT 10 / T H U

THIS IS THE DAY!!! The next issue of SF Bay Times biweekly edition hits the streets. Look for us at your favorite outlet this afternoon—we'll be there!
Support Group for lesbians who have been abused by their partners, see 10/1 listing for details.
MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence), a community-based, SF nonprofit organization working with men to end domestic violence against women and domestic violence in gay relationships, holds their semi-annual volunteer training beginning today. Men who participate in the training are eligible to become involved in MOVE's counseling and community education work addressing male violence. MOVE believes that men learn to respond to the human experiences of fear, insecurity & disappointment with physical and emotional force. MOVE does not separate the social & economic violence men experience at the hands of the dominant culture from their own acts of violence within their homes, and seeks to make connections between male violence within the home and more institutionalized expressions of dominance & control such as racism, sexism, homophobia & classism. Men who care passionately about men who are trapped in the cycle of violence & striking out against the people they love the most are encouraged to call MOVE at 777-4496.
Coffee, Conversation & Canasta Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1-3 pm today & 1024 at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 2:45 pm today & 10/24 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV, spons by the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, see 10/3 listing for details.
My Own Private Idaho, screening of Gus Van Sant's (*Drugstore Cowboy, Mala Noche*) long-awaited new film. Poignant story follows two Portland street hustlers Mike (River Phoenix) and Scott (Keenu Reeves) as they journey to Rome, Italy, in search of Mike's missing mother. They embark on a path of self-discovery, enriched by a colorful band of companions, customers & lost relatives. 6:45 & 9:15 pm, Sequoia Theatre, I. Film screens as part of the 14th Annual Mill Valley Film Festival (see 10/3 for details).
Open Forum to discuss the concerns & program needs of gays, lesbians & sexual minorities of all colors. Also come celebrate Berkeley's new Domestic Partners ordinance! Spons by Pacific Center. 7 pm at South Berkeley Senior Center, corner of Ellis & Ashby, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
"The Healing Power of Dreams," lecture by Dr Patricia Garfield, part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's fall lecture series (also see 10/3). Discuss how dream images change during physical crisis, healing & convalescence, how specific images characterize different ailments & symptoms, and how dream images can be used in the healing process. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Exotic Jewish Communities Around the World—lecture series with Ken Blady continues with "Yantokh, Cheberke, & Tartar Shashlikh: Cuisine & Culture of the (Mongoloid) Krimchaks of Crimea." Crimea is considered to be the cradle of Russian Jewry, The Krimchaks, 80 percent of whom were annihilated by the Nazis, are believed to be a remnant of the Jews who settled in this region more than 2000 years ago. 7:30 pm, $7 drop-in. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
At Black Oak Books: Edgar Award-winning novelist Sharon McCrumb (*Sick of Shadows; Lovely in Her Bones; The Windsor Knot*) reads from her newly-released book, *Missing Susan: An Elizabeth MacPherson Mystery*. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
"Prayers & Promises for Turtle Island," a non-Columbus Day event presented with singer/songwriter Betsy Rose with guitarist Nina Gerber, performance artist Emily Shihadeh, and other guests at La Pena Cultural Center. A special concert of original music & commentary celebrating the love of earth & kinship that transcends patriotism. 3105 Shattuck ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm, $8 tix at door (doors open at 7 pm).
"Pretty, Witty & Gay," with Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret: Scorching new solo comedy—Marga invites the audience into her bedroom for a nonstop sexual send-up as she reads from the unpublished diaries of Anais Nin, is possessed by the spirit of Miss Jane Hathaway, rewrites the Bible, battles extortionists, and almost loses her nerve on the eve of her first appearance on a TV talk show panel as an Adult Female Homosexual. Plays Thurs-Sun, tonight thru 11/3 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on Fridays. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Gary Palmer Dance Co in "Dark Fires," at Theater Artaud, see 10/9.
At Cody's Books: Author Robert Bellah (*Habits of the Heart*) discusses his new work of sociological analysis, *The Good Society*. Book takes a look at the social institutions that define our lives, discusses how they might be transformed for our greater benefit. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Jon Sugar Revue at El Rio. 8 pm, 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: "Women of Color: Agents of Social Change," a reading by contributors to *Morena* newspaper and *The Women of Color Calendar & Resource Guide*. Readers include Gwen Carmen, Luz Alvarez Martinez & Merle Woo. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

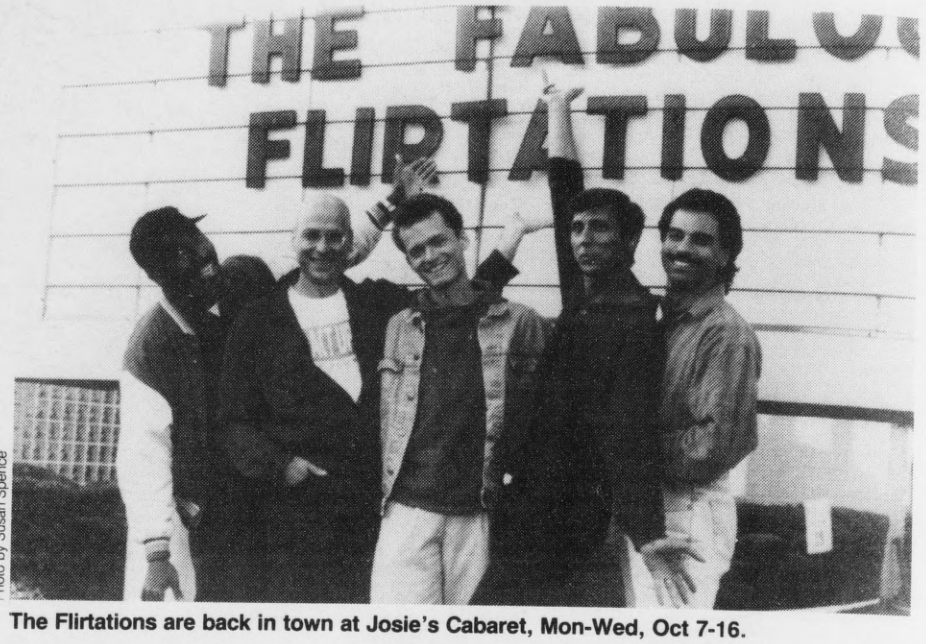

Photo by Susan Spence
The Flirtations are back in town at Josie's Cabaret, Mon-Wed, Oct 7-16.

OCT 11 / F R I

Affirmation Gay & Lesbian Mormons hold their 1991 conference today thru 10/13 in the Erawan Gardens Hotel in Indian Wells, California, a few miles from Palm Springs. This year's theme: "Now Let Us Rejoice". Speakers/performers include author Chris Glaser and comic Danny Williams, plus performance by the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus. for info/res call (213) 255-7251.
National Coming Out Day: It's that time of year again! Join thousands of lesbians & gay men nationwide in taking that first (or another) step out of the closet! Various events spons throughout Calif. In the East Bay Berkeley councilmember Ann Chandler signs an expanded Domestic Partnership ordinance that goes into effect today. 5:30 pm registration, public welcome. In Marin: evening program, 5-7 pm at Novato Youth Center, 680 Wilson Ave, Novato. Entertainment by singer/musician Peter Barclay. Guest speaker: SF Supervisor Carole Migden. Presentation of coming out stories awards, and awards for coming out. Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) offer host a non-alcoholic bar, hors d'oeuvres served. At 7:30-8:30 pm, interfaith celebration at MCC of the Redwoods, 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. 9 pm-1 am: party & celebration at BJ's, Paradise Shopping Ctr, 5625 Paradise Dr, Corte Madera, with performance by the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band 9-9:45 pm, followed by hot dancing from 10 pm-1 am. Wheelchair Accessible. Come out and celebrate!
San Jose Civic Light Opera holds vocal & dance auditions for "Chess." Priority vocal auditions today 2-4 pm, non-priority 5:30-7 pm. Priority dance auditions tmw at 9:30 am, non-priority at 11 am. Dancers do not need an appointment to sing. All positions are paid. All auditions at SJCLO Studios, 1717 Technology Drive, San Jose. Call Sharon (408) 297-8813 Mon-Fri 9 am-1 pm for an appt.
Youth Support Group spons by the LYFE program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, see 9/27 listing for details.
"Women Artists/Women's Art: An Archetypal & Developmental Perspective," lecture tonight with Tanya Wilkinson & Elinor Gadon, followed by a Saturday workshop exploring collective & personal issues of women's psychological development thru the images & symbols of visual art. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.
Gay & Lesbian History Series at Berkeley Public Library continues with "She Also Chewed Tobacco," program on women who passed as men. 7:30 pm, free. South Branch Library, corner of Martin Luther King Way & Russell, one block north of Ashby BART Station. Wheelchair Accessible. Spons by Friends of the Library. Info: (510) 644-6860.
HIV-Negative Support Group meets tonight. Spons by MCC-SF. All HIV-negative men are welcome. 7:45 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Pretty, Witty & Gay—Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/10.
"Bobby Sox to Beatles," the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF presents a musical reunion with the '50s & '60s. Show features music & dance of the era, along with Chorus members' memories of what it was like to be there. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm at the Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Center, SF. Tix $15 gen'l, $25 sponsor, available at Headlines Stores in SF, Mama Bears in Oakland, and Just Rewards in Walnut Creek. For res/info: 861-7067. Handicapped Accessible, SIGN interpretation.
Gary Palmer Dance Co in "Dark Fires" at Theater Artaud, see 10/9.
"Trespassed Graves," at The Next Stage, see 10/4.
Flamenco Music & Dance at La Pena: A fabulous evening with Isa Mura's *Grupo Utrera y Familia*, featuring guest artist Tania, returning after 13 years in Spain, and dancers Yalisa, Hiroko Shimakawa, Isa Mura and Christina Vega Stead; singers Antonio Alcazar & Nina Menendez; guitarists Guillermo Rios & David Gutierrez. 8:30 pm, $12. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
nZinga World Beat Dance Party at El Rio with dj Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 12 / S A T

Festival of the Babes! First annual lesbian soccer tournament. Come watch the games, support your favorite dyke babes. 8 am-6 pm, free. Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. Also don't miss tonights' "Festival of the Babes Soccer Party" with music, dancing, babes aplenty & dj Nikki Rivera, upstairs at Amelia's, starting at 9 pm, $4. Info: Amy or Lyanne (510) 601-5163.
Redwood Regional Park/Skyline Gate Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd & continue 3.1 miles to parking lot. 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
San Jose Civic Light Opera holds dance auditions, see 10/12 listing for details.
Violence Against Women: Survivor's Speak Out in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Come break the silence in a safe environment. Share your feelings, needs, and ideas on violence against women with other women survivors, community service providers, and organizers. Event includes speakers, educational forum, assertiveness training. 10 am-5 pm, registration at 9:30 am. $5-10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Childcare provided. Spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). At the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 861-8880.
2-Day Computer Competency Class for Women, spons by Women's Computer Literacy Center: 1-day class. Emphasis on fundamental computer concepts. Intro to DOS, WordPerfect 5.1, Database management (Paradox), and Lotus 1-2-3 compatible spreadsheets. Feminist teaching approach. Free practice time after class. Call Women's 677-9101 for info/reg. 870 Market St, Ste 751, SF.
Sensory Awareness Wkshop with Charlotte Selver & Charles Brooks. Learn the techniques central to humanistic & transpersonal psychology which were outgrowths of the human potential movement. 10 am-4 pm today & tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.
"Self-Management: The Business of Being an Artist," workshop by Michael S Bell (art critic, essayist, columnist, poet, painter & owner of Visual Art Access). 10 am-4 pm at Mission Cultural Center Theatre, 2868 Mission St, SF. Bell covers specific self-management areas including pricing, resumes, framing, contracts, taxes, mailing list management, insurance, competitions, promotion, live/work space, and suppliers; plus pain, demons, fear, hypocrisy and lies. Spons by Capp STreet Project as part of their "Art is Fresh: Workshops on the Realities of the Art World" series. $5 suggested donation. Space limited, pre-reg by 10/7 is suggested. For info on this & the other workshops in this series ("The Artist in the Community, the Community in the Artist," panel on 10/14, "Creative Ways to Support Oneself as an Artist," panel on 10/15) call 626-7747.
BACW Sonoma Russian River Flotilla: Join Bay Area Career Women Sonoma County paddles the River (or, if it rains, we go bowling). Fun starts at 10 am and includes onshore picnic BBQ with fixins', beverages & boat or ball. Bring your own snacks & drinks for offshore refreshment. Register by 10/9. Info: Toni (707) 578-7743 or Louise (707) 833-2303.
BACW Sonoma: Bay Area Career Women Sonoma general business meeting—come help plan local events & meet some wonderful women! 7 pm, $2. Info: Amy (707) 874-1621.
Women's Incest Wkshop spons by MCC-SF. Rev Sherre Boothman, pastor of MCC in the Valley, leads a workshop focusing on boundary issues & learning to live with the past without being overwhelmed & paralyzed by the experience of incest. 10 am-3 pm, $5 donation. For women only. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Latin American Music for Kids at La Pena Cultural Center, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
2nd Continental Chasky of Self-Discovery: Named after the term the Incas used for foot messengers who carried news btwn their respective communities, the Chasky is a program of ritual, poetry, dance, street theatre & visual arts "to reclaim our true history & celebrate our multicultural community," a celebration of 500 years of resistance & self-determination. Starts at noon at Garfield Park (Harrison & 25th St, in the Mission District), SF. Parade moves down 24th ST, stopping at artistic installations along the way to La Raza Park, for entertainment by a variety of artists. Spons by Chicano Human Rights Concilio, Chicano Moratorium, Int'l In-

dian Treaty Council, South & Meso American Indian Information Center, American Indian Movement, Women Against Imperialism, Nicaragua Ctr for Community Action, Guatemalan News & Information Bureau, Mass Media, Planet Drum Foundation & other groups. Info: 863-3314.

Anual Fall Crafts Faire hosted by the Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance: Today & tmw, noon-5 pm, 419 Maple St at Chestnut, near downtown Santa Cruz. Crafts include pottery, photography & greeting cards. Light refreshments served. For info about the faire or upcoming GLAA meetings call Julie (408) 462-2623. Come out & support queer art!

Huckleberry Preserve Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Walks emphasize understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell, as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Meet at noon in the Preserve's parking lot at Skyline Drive in Oakland. Info/directions: Adam Seller 845-4028. Rain cancels.

UCGALA Quarterly Social: Join Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc for an informal potluck social. 2-6 pm, bring a dish to share. For info/location/directions call Jim 282-5608.

CASA Gen'l Membership Mtg: Social & community action organization for gay Latinos & friends. Mtg at Dolores St Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 552-6433 for time & other info.

Rap Session & Dance Night with Girth & Mirth Club at 176-B Page St, SF. For time & other info call 824-0260.

Uhuru Banquet at Trinity United Church, 2232 Bancroft, Berkeley. 7-10 pm, $7-10 SL donation. Music from Galo Paz, speakers from African, Chicano & Native Liberation movements. Spons by African People's Solidarity Committee. Info: (510) 655-6868.

BWMT Soul Food Dinner Dance: Black & White Men Together party with members from other BWMT chapters. 7 pm, $4. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

Inside the Media: Central American journalists hold a public discussion of the different struggles they face in their countries, and their efforts to protect press freedoms. Speakers: Gilberto Osorio of El Salvador's *Diario Latino;* and Carlos Fernando Chamorro, editor of Nicaragua's *Barricada,* and *Barricada Internacional.* 7 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. Spons by South North Communication Network & the Media Alliance Central America Committee. Info: 621-8981.

Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets for a potluck tonight at Chay's house in Santa Clara. For info/directions call (408) 244-9477.

"Somewhere Fudging," new solo performance piece by Justin Chin about the "Queer Chink Angst" that can arise from "a love-hate thing with hairy-shouldered white men who have colonial tendencies." 8 pm, $6-10 SL at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. For res/info call 563-9046.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Over Our Heads, hot women's comedy improv & music group, keep you laughing tonight! 8 pm, $7-10 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"Bobby Sox to Beatles," a '50s & '60s musical reunion with the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, see 10/11 listing for details.

Pretty, Witty & Gay—Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/10.

Gary Palmer Dance Co at Theater Artaud, in "Dark Fires," see 10/9 listing for details.

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure in Concert at Institute for the Musical Arts (IMA) Retreat in Bodega. 8 pm, $12. For info call (510) 601-6514.

"Trespassed Graves," at The Next Stage, see 10/4.

ATA's Other Cinema Series features "Through Her Eyes," a program of Bay Area women's work. Includes work by Pat Baum, Jennifer Tate & Susanne Fairfax, Emily Cronbach & Lisa Kernan, Sandra Davis, Caitlin Manning, Cauleen Smith, Sami Alkassim, Lisanne Skyler, Mary Scott & others. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Bira Almeida's Corpo Santo: Brazilian dance & floor show featuring capoeira, samba & frevo. 9 pm, $8. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with Tom Ammiano, Shan Carr & Mario Mondelli. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio with *Papa Wheelie, Wig Torture* and Paul Siegel. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 13 / SUN

Gay Run/SF: Join Eastbay Frontrunners for this 5K & 10K run and 5K walk. Meet 9 am at south entrance to Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. For info call 921-3697.

Golf & Picnic spons by Southbay BACW. Join Bay Area Career Women for golf at Blackberry Farm followed by a catered picnic at Stevens Creek Reservoir Park. $17. Call Wynette (408) 238-0568 for info/reservations.

Gay Run/Gay Walk '91: 5 & 10K run & 5K walk starts 9 am at the Polo Field (south entrance off Middle Drive), Golden Gate Park, SF. For more info call SF Frontrunners, 921-3697.

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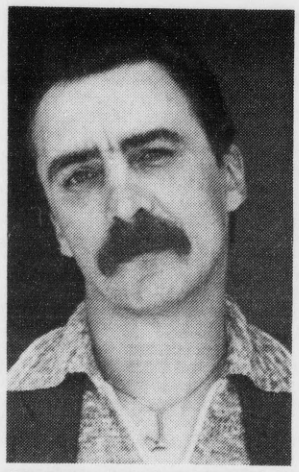

"Spider and the Cleveland Valentine" at the EX-ITheatre. OnStage has info.

workshop for women, with Lynne Uretsky. Drop beneath generations of conditioning to experience the true nature of your sexual-regenerative system. Learn how to use these organs to support you, not the patriarchy. Wkshop utilizes movement, sound, art, writing & play to release creative energy, heal wounds, and come home to a powerful source of new life. 10 am-4:30 pm, $40-60 SL fee. Oakland location. For info on this & upcoming Hot Springs Weekend (11/16-17) call 465-9306.

Cris Williamson Wkshop, "Live Dream: The Art of the Possible," at Institute for the Musical Arts (IMA) Retreat in Bodega. 10 am-5 pm, $60. Info/reg: (510) 601-6514.

Corona Heights Herb Walk, see 9/29.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Khadra Int'l Folk Ballet at Ft Mason Center, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Walk Against Genocide: 10K walk-a-thon fundraiser for the Uhuru House. Gather with pledges at 10 am, rally at 1 pm at Martin Luther King Jr Park, MLK Way & Allston, Berkeley, music by AC Jackson's Blues Band. Speakers include Akua Njeri, widow of Black Panther Fred Hampton, Omali Yeshitela, founder of the Uhuru Movement, and Sid Welsh of the American Indian Movement. Spons by African People's Solidarity Committee. Info: (510) 655-6868.

Christology & the Inner Child: Wkshop spons by MCC-SF. Rev Sherre Boothman, pastor of MCC in the Valley, discusses how our thoughts about Jesus influence how we look at ourselves. 2-5 pm, $5 donation. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Gary Palmer Dance Co in "Dark Fires," at Theater Artaud, see 10/9 listing for details.

Reception for Carlos Fernando Chamorro, editor of the Nicaruagan daily *Barricada* and the monthly *Barricada Internacional*, at the Third World Organizing Retreat Center, 1218 E 21st St, Oakl. 4 pm. Info: 621-8981.

Crysanthemum Ragtime Band: 10-piece ragtime ensemble plays 1890-1920s pop music—music by Kern, Berlin, Joplin, Souza. 4 pm, $6 gen'l, $5 srs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Salsa at El Rio with *Los Kimbos*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Old First Concert Series continues with Ori Steinberg, piano, in concert. Program includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Bartok, Chopin & Liszt. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF. Info: 474-1608.

The "Hot Blooded" Series at A Different Light Bookstore hosts a reception for painter Ellen Lougee. 5:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Plan the World Dance Party: Whiptail Womyn's Collective invites you to help organize their upcoming "World Dance Party" a celebration of the multicultural womyn's community of the SF/Bay Area. Want to make connections with other womyn? Sick of feeling isolated? Come join this group of womyn who believe we need womyn-only space. 7 pm mtg at New College, 766 Valencia St, SF. Also see 10/6.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Introduced by Arturo Arias, Guatemalan novelist Susanne Jonas leads a discussion of her new book, *The Battle for Guatemala: Rebels, Death Squads & US Power*. 7 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

The "Hot-Blooded" Series at A Different Light Bookstore presents Dorothy Allison (*Trash, The Women Who Hate Me*) in a reading of new work. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Francisco Herrera & Jon Fromer in concert to benefit the upcoming Encuentro del Canto Popular (November). 7:30 pm, $5-10 at La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Festival of the Babes Lesbian Soccer Tournament continues (see 10/12) at the Beach Cahlet Soccer Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. 8 am-6 pm. See you there!

Pretty, Witty & Gay—Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/10 listing for details.

Electric City Video Show airs tonight in SF, see 10/2.

GALLERIES

Asian Art Museum: "The Playful Heart: Inro & Netsuke," exhibit includes approximately 200 objects selected from the museum's permanent collection of miniature sculptures; runs thru 10/13. "The Sculpture of Indonesia," exhibit features 120 masterpieces of classical Indonesian art, ranging from life-size sculpture to delicate gold jewelry, dating from the 5th thru the 15th century. 9/28-1/5. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wed & 1st Sat mornings. Reg admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth, kids under 12 are free. Info: 751-2500.

Jewish Community Museum: 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Sun & Tues-Fri, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Sat & Mon. Admission free. Info: 543-8880.

Judah L Magnes Museum: Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: "Moonrise: Hernandez & Otherwise," exhibit of several original prints by Ansel Adams as well as works by contemporary photographers; thru 11/17. "Bravo 20": A National Park Proposal, Photographs & Installation by Richard Misrach; thru 12/1. "Toward Independence: A Century of Indonesia Photographed," an overview of 19th & 20th century Indonesia thru the eyes of both indigenous & colonial photographers, thru 12/1. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: "No More Heroes: Unveiling Masculinity," an exhibit of work by over 30 artists focusing on/critiquing the male body & male identity. Photographic works by Chris Acuna-Hansen, Anthony Aziz, John Coplans, Todd Gray, Ron Guzman, Len Follick, Brad Hudson, Doug Ischar, Paul Kubek, Huey Lentz, Alan Labb, Michael Read, Joseph Squier, Andrew Uchin, Christian Walker & William Zeimer. Video works by Skip Arnold, Jordan Biren, Stacey Ann Cohen, Margaret Crane/Jon Winet, Sammy Cucher, John Di Stefano, Barbara Hammer, Katherine Hurbis-Cherrier, Brad Hudson, Aresh Javadi, Paula Levine, Nino Rodriguez, Gabriel Sena & Deke Weaver. Curator Barbara DeGenevieve. 10/18-11/23. Reception 10/18, 6-9 pm, features collaborative performance, "Men Exchanging Fluids," by Men of the World. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

Hatley Martin Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Battle Lines: Cartoon Art During WWII," thru 12/28. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

New Langton Arts: "Suspended Sound Illusions," an installation by Trimpin, leading figure in the field of interaction btwn Macintosh technology & acoustic instruments; thru 10/5. Artist's performance 10/5 at 3 pm, free. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Dana Gallery: "The Erotic Explorations of Two Hispanic Artists," works by Pedro Jimenez & Patricia Torres," on exhibit 10/4-23. Recent paintings by Sarena Rosenfeld, on exhibit 10/24-11/18. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm Mon & Thurs-Sat, noon-6 pm Sun, and by appt. Info: 749-1849.

Michael Dunev Gallery: "Signs of the Times," recent paintings by Hans Sieverding. Thru 10/12. 77 Geary St, SF. Info: 398-7300.

Circle Gallery: 140 Maiden Lane, Union Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

Circle Gallery: Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, SF. "From Innocence to Icon: Norma Jean to Marilyn," photos taken by David Conover of 19-year-old Norma Jean Dougherty. On exhibit thru 10/20. Proceeds benefit Variety Club of Northern Calif's Children's Charities. Hrs: Sun-Wed 10:30 am-6 pm, Thurs-Sat, 10 am-8 pm. Info: 776-2370.

The Clay Studio: "Beyond the Armory II," group show by artists at the Clay Studio. 10/4-11/3. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat 10 am-5 pm or by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Art Lick Gallery: Works by Jessica Tanzer & JB Higgins. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

ATA Gallery: Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Hrs: Sat 11:30 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 824-3890.

Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: "S&L: Transactions in the Post-Industrial Era," group exhibition, an interrogation of late capitalism & exchange of value; thru 10/5. "Scroll Paintings with Exploded TV," installation by Carolee Schneeman, a series of recently-completed large-scale paintings layered in dust, pigment, ink, glass, ashes & other matreials, and videos revealing the process of creating the works. 10/19-11/16, preview & artist's reception 10/19, 5:30-7:30 pm, gallery talk on 11/7 at 6 pm. 800 Chestnut St. SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 0 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center: 2868 Mission St, btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Info: 821-1155.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Perfections in Porcelain," works by Armin Muller, thru 10/27. "The California Duck," exhibit of 60 California duck decoys; thru 10/27. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Richmond Art Ctr: Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair Accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

UC Extension Center Galleria: 55 Laguna St, SF. For gallery hours & other info call 861-6833.

University Art Museum: "Frida/Trotsky," photographs by Debra Bloomfield; thru 12/8. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Erika Meyerovich Gallery: "Keith Haring: Celebrating Humanity," an exhibit of paintings, drawings, graphics & sculpture by the late NY artist Keith Haring, who died of AIDS in 2/90 at age 31. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5:30; pm. 231 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 421-9997.

Eye Gallery: "No Surrender: The Protestants," photo exhibit by Ed Kashi sheds new light on the conflict in Northern Ireland by focusing on the Protestant community. Thru 10/19. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5:30 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Gallery Arcade: 484 9th St nr Broadway, Oakl. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5:30 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 271-7909.

New World Gallery: "Mondo" group show of 10 artists; thru 10/12. 4124 18th St (off Castro), SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-6 pm. Info: 621-7992.

Nelson Morales Gallery: "From the Four Corners," paintings & sculpture by Katherine Betz, Jason Godeke, Denny Holland, Alan Hunter, Dennis Murphy & Adam Savage; thru 10/3. 140 Geary St, Ste 301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs, Fri, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm. Info: 255-1432.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities presents "Giving Hands: Teacher's Choice," exhibit of the work of the faculty & artists of NIAD. 9/28-11/8, artists' reception on 9/28, 5-8 pm. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

Fobbo Gallery: 3747 23rd St at Chattanooga, SF. Info: 695-0640.

John Pence Gallery: Large-scale works by Daniel Phill, Michael Lynch, Randall Lake, Peter Cox. 750 Post St,

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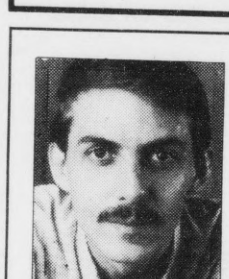

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Mace Space for Art: Hrs: Tues-Fri, 5-9 pm, Sat 10 am-9 pm. 1319 Pine St, SF. Info: 931-9670.
Vision Gallery: 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.
Vorpal Gallery: Sculpture & installation by Dana Chodzko. Thru 10/5. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.
Pro Arts Gallery: "Urgent Images," an exhibit of almost 50 silkscreens by 11 artists on social issues & personal themes; thru 10/5. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: (510) 763-4361.
Southern Exposure Gallery at Project Artaud: "The Rock Show," group exhibit/installation, panel & live satellite events. 10/11-11/9. Reception 10/11, 7-9 pm. "Rock in the Media," panel on 10/24, 8 pm, $5. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. 401 Alabama St at 17th, SF. Info: 863-2141.
Capp Street Project/AVT: "The Airwaves Project," a multi-channel video installation by Shu Lea Cheang. Artists reception 10/14, 5:30-7 pm, exhibit runs thru 11/21. Artist conducts public lecture on 11/21 at 7:30 pm at the Pacific Film Archives, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley, and on 12/5 at 7 pm at Capp Street Project. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-7747. 270 14th St, btwn Mission & South Van Ness, SF.
The Lab Gallery: Exhibit of works by Joyce Burstein, thru 10/19. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.
Koncepts Cultural Gallery: Works by Sarita Johnson-Calvo; thru 10/4. 480 3rd St, Oakland. Info: (510) 763-0682.
Falkirk Galleries: "A Portrait of Marin," 40 portraits of Marin artists by Mill Valley photographer Nancy Kittle; thru 11/16. "Global Strategy," large-scale photos by Boyd Webb & Cay Lang; thru 11/16. 1408 Mission at E St, San Rafael. Info: 485-3328.
KBBK Studios: "Animal Spirits," exhibit of paintings by Matthew McQueen. 10/10-11/3, opening reception 10/13, 2-5 pm. Hrs: Wed & Thurs, 4-7 pm, or by appt. 465 Broderick St, SF. Info: 563-9046.
Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "Fraud & Other Paintings," works by Mark P Fisher; thru 10/12. Hrs: Tues-Thurs 11 am-5 pm; Fri-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: 849-0950.
"Athletes: Photographs 1860-1986," works by photographer Nickolas Murray and others, on exhibit thru 10/13 at the Alameda Historical Museum, 2324 Alameda Avenue, Alameda. Hrs: Wed-Fri 1-4 pm, Sat 11 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm. Info: 521-1233.
Unique Gallery: "Braves," exhibit of new work by Wayne Flynn. 10/20-11/5. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 11 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 4129 18th St at Castro, SF. Info: 431-2333.
"SexArt," a group show of fine art sexual explorations in photography, drawing, painting, fiber art & rubbings. Work by Mark I Chester, Phyllis Christopher, Tee Corrine, Raelyn Gallina, Jill Posener, Michael Rosen, Jack Davis & others. Thru 9/28-29, noon-6 pm, $2 at 1229 Folsom St, SF. Other times by appt. Info: 621-6294.
"Works on Fabric," by August Browning II. Thru 11/3, reception 9/29, 5-7 pm. Mind Frame Gallery, 6522 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-8226.
Photographs by Miguel Ronquillo & Bob Corti, on exhibit at The Living Room, 4035 18th St nr Castro, SF. 7-10 pm reception.
Paintings by Karen Coulson on exhibit 10/1-30 at Citadel Gallery, 855 S. 5th St, San Jose. Reception 10/12, 3-7 pm. Info: (408) 289-8559.

ON STAGE

Home Visit by Lauren Cuttler, A 3-character play about a lesbian's interaction with her family during the time of her father's life-threatening illness; illustrates love, leaving, traditions & the strength of family ties. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 10/12 at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm with special Sat Twilight series performances at 5 pm on 9/28 & 10/5. Tix: $11-20. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
Holding Back the Ocean by Godfrey Hamilton. Play focuses on the relationship between a young American man & a half-Hawaiian, half-Caucasian man who meet & fall in love in SF. A Starving Artists Theatre & Theatre Rhino production. Opens 9/26 & runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm at Studio Rhino. 8:30 pm, $9-10. Info/res: 861-5079.
Belle Reprieve, a Obie Award-winning production devised by the NY-based Split Britches lesbian theater company and the men of London's Bloolip's theater group. Gender-bending musical review, the piece is a non-linear exploration of the themes, characters & attitudes in Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire." Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm 10/9-27, 3 pm matinee on 10/20. Theatre Rhino production at the Victoria Theater, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix $14-25. Info/res: 861-5079.
La Nona by Argentinian playwright Roberto M Cossa. A hilarious horror-comedy, a wild & wicked political parable written in the Argentinian "Teatro Grottesco" style, the story of a 100 year old granny whose voracious appetite wreaks havoc on her poor family. Eureka Theatre Co production. Runs thru 10/20, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm. Matinees on 9/29 & 10/13 at 2 pm. Tix $15 matinees, $17 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $20 Fri & Sat, $15 opening night. Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St at Harrison St, SF. Info/res: 558-9898.
Spider & the Cleveland Valentine by Bobby Ace Diamond. Two boxers, the older one nearing the end of his career and broken & resigned to taking punches, the younger one on his way up, coming to terms with his own identity, meet in the boxing ring. Exit Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/5. Tix $10. Exit Theatre, 366 Eddy St, SF. Info/res: 673-3847.
That Serious He-Man Ball by Alonzo D Lamont, Jr. Provocative look a the frustrations of contemporary Black men with dreams deferred. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production. Thurs-Sun thru 10/20. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 2 pm, Sun eves at 7 pm. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 9th, Oakland (Lake Merritt BART Station). Info/res: (510) 763-7774.
Tripnology, three one-act plays by Jonal Woodward. "Dining Out with Hobo John," is about the homeless; "A Smokey Affair," about a fatal love affair between a man & his crack pipe, and "The Burial of Prejudice," is a satiric comedy. Woodward Associations & BMT Production. Fri-Sun thru 9/29. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Next Stage Theater, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St, SF. Info/res: 822-7898.
Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw. Shaw's classic play about munitions & munificence opens Berkeley Repertory's 24th season. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 10/24. Sat matinee on 9/28 & 10/12 at 2 pm; Thurs matinees on 10/3 & 17 at 2 pm. Tix $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun, $29 Fri & Sat, $21 matinees. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.
Road to Nirvana by Arthur Kopit. Chilling black comedy follows three present-day movie industry hustlers, ready to make any sacrifice to cut the ultimate deal & make their mark in Hollywood. Encore Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 11/3. Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 6 & 9:30 pm (except 10/26 & 11/3—8 pm, 11/3—3 pm. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 567-6076. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St, SF.

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"God's Country" at Zellerbach Playhouse. OnStage has info.

Dear Master by Dorothy Bryant. A dramatic conversaton between Gustave Flaubert & George Sand. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm (no performance 9/26-29) thru 10/6. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, between Ellsworth & Dana, Berkeley. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 653-8111.
The Queen's Garden, a work-in-progress by Brenda Wong Aoki. A dramatic adaptation of four Japanese & Chinese ghost stories in which she portrays a snake woman's relentless passion, a dead wife's revenge, the Monkey King's triumph over death, and the last dance of a ballerina in a Japanese WWII internment camp. Opens 10/16 at 8 pm, runs 10/16-11/3, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm. Tix $10-14. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.
Ruddygore, Lamplighters Music Theatre production, a celebration of Halloween with a ghostly favorite. Runs 9/28-29; 10/4-5, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27. 8:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2:30 pm Sun. Tix $21. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.
Sitting Pretties by Moliere. A commedia farce produced by Magic Lightning Productions at the Broadway North Beach, 391 Broadway at Montgomery, SF. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 5 pm thru 10/20. Info/res: 526-5375.
Soul Hunt by Cintra Wilson. An original large-scale audience interactive production inspired by the ideas of CJ Jung. Brooke Boynton production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 7 pm 10/23-11/17 at 30 Rose Theatre, 30 Rose St (off Market, btwn Franklin & Gough), SF. Tix: $18 Thurs, $25 Fri & Sat, $20 Sun; $35 opening night benefit. Info/res: 255-9005.
Love Diatribe by Harry Kondoleon. A wickedly funny modern day fairytale about a suburban family visited by an unusual stranger whose powers include the ability to heal thru love. Magic Theatre production. Previews 10/9-12, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 12/8. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix: $12-21, opening night gala $60. Info/res: 441-8822.
Cats, the hit Broadway musical by Andrew Lloyed Webber, based on TS Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," runs 10/1-13 at the Golden Gate Theater, 1 Taylor St, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.
One Neck by Todd Alcott. At the Sag Harbor home of Wes, Wes' four closest friends discuss art, crime, racism, the homeless, women's issues, paraonia, fear, guns, drugs, cramps & Chinese food. Then Lucien, a stranger & unexpected guest, reveals his secret desires, and the conversation veers to a chilling climax. Previews 10/9-11, runs Thurs-Sun 10/12-11/2, with special actors benefit performance on 10/28. Tix $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.
White Trash written by Nina Wise, in collaboration with David Ford. A tale of fame, garbage & the modern woman, performed by Nina Wise. Professional ambition & ecological concerns collide as Nina receives consumer advice from God, cleans her plate at a star-studded testimonial & communes with coyotes in the Alps. Previews 9/26 runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/20 at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Tix $9 Thurs & Sun, $11 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 641-0235.
The Piano Lesson by August Wilson. Pulitzer Prize-winning play, the 4th in Wilson's cycle examining the African-American experience in the 20th century. A family struggles to decide what to do with the upright piano that sits in their parlor. A valuable antique in more ways than one, it is symbolic of three generation of one Black family's history, their story carved into the wood surfaces. How they choose to dispose of it reflects how they choose to deal with their past, and their future. ACT production. Previews 10/8-12, opens 10/12 & runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat at 2 pm, Sun at 3 pm. Tix $10-33, call 433-9500 for info/res. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF.
White Money by Julie Jensen. A comedy about politics, women, and the American obsssion with TV, it won the Kennedy Center's 1990 New American Plays Award. Actors Theatre production. Previews 10/1-3 at 8 pm, $6. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 11/12. Tix $12. Gala opening reception on 10/4 at 8 pm, $30. The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.
The Dreamer Examines His Pillow by John Patrick Shanley. A serio-comic look at the love-hate relationship of two streetwise New Yorkers and a burned-out artist. Glass Eye production. Opens 10/3, runs Thurs-Sun thru 10/27. 8 pm. Tix: $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St btwn Bryant & Potrero, SF. Info/res: 621-7933.
The Bear & **The Marriage Proposal**, by Chekhov. Directed in classic, romantic style by visiting Moscow director Sasha Tihiy. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 10/11-11/10. North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF, 3rd floor. Tix $12. Info/res: 928-4860.
Sometimes We Need More Than Food, a solo evening of theatre directed by Helen Stoltzfus, written & performed by Corey Fischer. Weaves traditional & autobiographical stories into a performance which moves from the remnants of Prague's Jewish quarter to the freeways of LA, while celebrating the healing power of storytelling. A Traveling Jewish Theatre & Julia Morgan Theater production. 10/12 & 13 at 8 pm; 10/13 at 3 pm; 10/17-20 at 8 pm. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave nr Derby, Berkeley. Tix $15 Sat & Sun eves, $12.50 Thurs eve & Sun matinee. Info/res: (510) 845-8542.
Blonde Like You, a work-in-progress one man show, writtten & performed by Albert Greenberg. Piece resolves the perplexing question 'Who am I?' by rolling effortlessly from one identity to another. A Traveling Jewish Theatre & Julia Morgan Theater production. 10/12 & 19 at 10:30 pm. Tix $7. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-8542.
Pressed, A Celebration of Women with Broads off Broadway, a group of women & men who write & perform new work by, for & about women. Pieces range from short poems & songs to longer monologues & duologues. The work is warm, hopeful, poetic & feminist. Asian American Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8:30 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, 10/9-11/3. Tix: $12 Fri & Sat night, $10 weeknights & matinees. Opening night party $15, with after show music provided by *Fast Freddie & the Night Owls* blues band. 403 Arguello St nr Clement, SF. Info/res: 752-2600.
The Stronger by August Strindberg. One-act focuses on the friendship and trials of two women. Glass Unicorn production. Program includes more monologues & theatrical pieces fashioned for women. Fridays, 10/4, 11, 18 & 25. 8 pm at The Coffee Mill, 3363 Grand Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 465-4224 or

(510) 644-1780.

Ribs by Colm K Wood. An auditioner and an agent live through the power plays between the supplicant and broker of dreams in a world where morals are cheap and a clairvoyant computer holds the keys to fame & fortune. Theatre Pomegranate production. Fri & Sat 10/25-11/16 at 8 pm. Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina, btwn 5th & 6th Sts, north of Folsom, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

God's Country by Steven Dietz. A tour-de-force expose of the white supremacist movement. Play follows the story of The Order, a group of radical white supremacists who sought to convert the Pacific northwest to an Aryan nation in the early 1980's. Previews 10/2-4, plays Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm at Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley. Tix $10, call Cal Performances (510) 642-9988. Runs 10/18-11/17 at Life on the Water Theatre in SF, Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Tix $12-15, call (510) 339-9168 for info/res.

Fear of Falling, a mystery thriller presented by the Dell'Arte Players Company, featuring Eureka's most famous female detective, Scar Tissue. Features comedy, acrobatics & jazz, focuses on the absurdity of life in the 90's, and the fear of change as our natural resources diminish. 10/30-11/17, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun eves at 7 pm. Cowell Theater. Ft Mason Ctr, Pier 2, SF. Tix $10-15. Info/res: 392-4400.

Dirty Laundry solo performance by Teirrah McNair. A sharp, poignant sketch of eight Black women, set to music in a laundromat in East Palo Alto. The central character, Big Mama, is raising a sizable collection of grandchildren & great-grandchildren. A Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, 10/18-11/3. Brava Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant St at 20th, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 641-7657.

Scar Tissue, a mystery trilogy by the Dell'Arte Players Co. Plays at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF, 10/30-11/17. For showtimes & other info call the box office: 441-5706.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Parking & assisted access available. Call 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Mon 7-8 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 553-8806.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Service Thru Touch offers massage for PWAs who are hospitalized, or live in Shanti residences or Coming Home Hospice. Massage referral for PWAs also available, at very low SL fee. Info: 664-6904 Tues, Wed & Fri, 12:30-3:30 pm.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necesssary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families, friends & loved ones. PWA & HIV-impacted support groups, outreach & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: 313-6770.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Easy Does It Coffeehouse for artists addressing HIV issues. Monthly performance space for poets, songwriters & other performers who are affected or concerned with HIV. Supportive place to try out works in progress, read/perform work by others, or just listen. Hosted by musician Betsy Rose. For date, time & other info call 525-7082 or 621-1701. 134 Church St (across from Safeway), SF. Spons by Shanti & the Calif Arts Council.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park. Oakl. Info: 523-5011.

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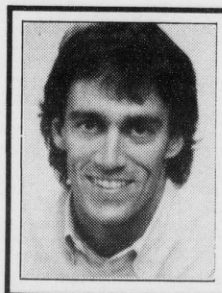

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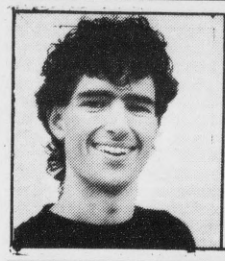

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St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local), (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: David Hoefer, LCSW or Bettye Travis 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, "buddies", spiritual gatherings, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 512-3400.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 512-3400, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 512-3403, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0533.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Bisexual & Heterosexual Men's HIV Group meets Wed. Free. Spons by SF AIDS Foundation. Info: Christopher Alexander 864-5855, ext 2511.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

HIV Positive Lesbians: support group spons by the Iris Project. Break thru isolation, learn new skills, get info, discover alternatives. Get assistance in maintaining sobriety. Call 864-2364 for intake appt/info. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Women with HIV Concerns: free, confidential counseling available thru Iris Project. Call Nehoma 864-2364 for an appt/info.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Thurs at 5:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Tues, 3-4:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Info: 441-1980.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

"Deutschemark Uber Alles"—Oct 8 has info.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Therapists Support Group for those whose major focus is AIDS/HIV. Spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services & Shanti Project. For information call Jody Reiss, LCSW at JFCS, 561-1241 or Gail Winston, MFCC at Shanti Project, 777-2273.

KS Support Group meets Sun 4-5:30 pm. Info: 864-0432.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV + people. Info: 255-0265.

Immune Disorders Educational Assoc (IDEA(provides info & monthly lectures on protocols for treatment/prevention of HIV & other immune disorders. Call 979-IDEA for info. 3739 Balboa St, #222, SF 94121.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 626-6763.

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay male community. Info: 341-0964.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Dianic Witch Coven for lesbians in recovery. For time/location & other info, send large SASE to Sami, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230

Alanon/ACA Mtg at Rest Stop for people dealing with AIDS/ARC or HIV+. See AIDS Resources or call 621-REST.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in Recovery from Drug Addiction Group—see Incest & Battery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 282-2438, 826-9423.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 821-4642.

Gay Male Drop-in Group for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns, see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern/Operation Recovery.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Tues eves 7-9 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: ongoing self-help groups meets Fri eves in SF. Occasional openings available, 12-wk commitment. Info: Jay 586-4822.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Voluntary Arts Contribution Fund (VACF) invites applications from SF's nonprofit arts, cultural & other organizations. Deadline: 9/20 at 5 pm. For info call 554-6710.

Frameline Film/Video Completion Fund is now accepting applications. The Fund was established to provide support to lesbian & gay video & filmmakers who have demonstrated advanced & innovative skills consistent with the goals of Frameline. Submissions accepted for documentary, dramatic, educational, animated or experimental projects about or of interest to lesbians & gay men & our communities. Unrestricted grants up to $5000 are given on the basis of need, content, originality & the credentials of the production team. Application deadline: 10/5. Awards Announcement: 12/15. Info: 861-5245.

SF Film Society 1992 Golden Gate Awards Competition Call for Entries: Internationally recognized competition, one of the most prestigious of its kind in the US, presents awards in 4 divisions—film, video, television, Bay Area filmmakers, and new visions. Deadline: 12/6. Info: 567-4641 or fax 921-5032.

New Dyke: Call for submissions. Venus Press seeks single-panel cartoons, strips & cartoon stories for "New Dyke," an anthology of cartoons by, for & about lesbians. Fantasy, soap opera, humor, sci fi, feminist satire/politics, explicit sex, stories about growing up, coming out, romance, aging, etc are welcome. Send SASE to Venus Press, 7100 Blvd East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093. Deadline: 12/1.

Women with Immune System Disorders, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, Endomentriosis, Chronic Fatigue, MS, Asthma, Allergies, Environmental Illness: Submissions sought for an anthology about women's experiences living & coping with these illnesses. Send submissions, typed if possible, or write for more information: Canaries in the Mine, 75 Hartford St, SF CA 94114. Send SASE. Submissions by women of color & lesbians are especially welcome. Deadline: 12/1.

7th Annual Film Arts Festival, to be held 10/20-11/3 at the Roxie Cinema in SF, seeks submissions of film & video. Independent films & videos of any length & genre, in 35mm, 16mm & Super-8 film or ¾" video (½' VHS tapes acceptable for preview) by Northern Calif artists are eligible. For more info/entry forms contact Robert Hawk, Festival Director, Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th St, SF, CA 94103. 552-0602.

GAWK, a quarterly magazine of the arts, seeks submissions of art & writing relating to the experience of being gay, from all social/cultural/gender perspectives. Info: PO Box 31431 SF, CA 94131, 864-5434

► FUN & GAMES

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Haas-Lilienthal House Tours: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.

Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

Making Waves: group meets for a nonstructured, private, large women's swim in the Eastbay. See Sports for details.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual

(Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

► HOBBIES

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 255-7809.

Women's Reading Group for Women Over 40: Meet to read feminist novels, poetry, etc. SF location. Info: Alana 824-6169.

Eastbay Women's Reading Group: Small, informal group meets 3rd Wed of each month. Call 654-7435 for info/location.

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world taught. Beginners welcome! Every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady, at Market & Gough, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.

Classical Music Lovers Group: Listen with others to your favorite CDs, tapes or records. Monthly or bi-weekly mtgs with occasional potlucks. Women & men welcome. Info/location: Ed 922-7108.

Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 7 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Call 647-3325 for location/details.

1-1 Massage Group for in-shape 18-45 yr olds. Inexperienced, male or female, OK. For info, send SASE with phone number to George, PO Box 590790, SF CA 94159-0790.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, (510) 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, (510) 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call (510) 836-4826 countywide).

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Telefaery: Events Line of the Radical Faeries—Call 626-3369 for upcoming events & other info.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachab, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222. SF residency not required.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

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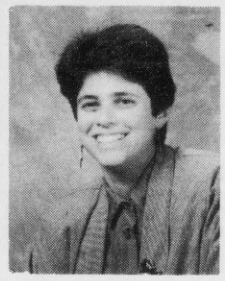

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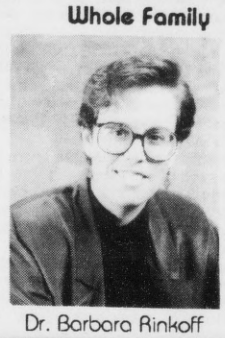

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► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop: social group for mid-Peninsula-SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.

Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support; exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 251-8766, events hotline (408) 293-4525.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 267-6500 (days).

Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Fri at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Thom Bean, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color, focus group of Queer Nation. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Interracial Relationship Social Mixers/Wkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly, 7-10 pm, $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 569-3522.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) meet to network, socialize, do political work, educate, have fun. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sat, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: 482-0787.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A grassroots social & community action organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-6 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 221-4944.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. Current groups include City Swing, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, SF Flag Corps, SF Tap Troupe, Outlook Video, and The Guild. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: Direct action group of queers fighting for our queer rights *now*. Open to all sexual orientations & gender identities. Meets Wed, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Guerrero, SF. For info on mtgs, emergency activations & future actions call 985-7141.

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action)—focus group of Queer Nation. Lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color, a focus group of Queer Nation. See People of Color listings for more info.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For mtg time/location & for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.

Queer Planet: an int'l political group working to promote queer culture worldwide. Come discuss areas of focus, fundraising & structure, as well as exchange views & information. Every 2nd Sun of the month, 4 pm at Cafe Flore, Market & Noe Sts, SF. Info: 985-7141.

The Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission works to focus world opinion on the oppression of gays & lesbians throughout the world. 540 Castro St, SF 94114. Call 255-8680 for info.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588, 861-4893 (fax) or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. Gen'l mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

GAYLESTA, organization of gay, lesbian & bisxual psychotherapists. Professional networking, internal & external education, and social events. Info: Don (510) 339-8077.

Therapists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds Bay Area lesbian women psychotherapists' potluck on the first Sat of each month, 11-1 pm. Also professional networking, member presentations, socializing. Info: Maris Smith (408) 629-6890.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, upstairs at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 656-1383.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: Come meet your neighbors in Fremont, Union City, Newark, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004 and leave your name, phone number & address.

Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.

Couples of SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay couples & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call 929-8402 or 626-6561.

Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.

CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.

Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.

Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.

Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980, or Naomi 569-3522.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

Deutsche Freundschaftkreis hat seine naechste Potluckparty am dritten Freitag dieses Monats. Alle die, die Deutsch sprechen oder einfach Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Auskuenfte bitte Jim unter 347-0533 anrufen.

Russian Group: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Call 647-3325 for location & details. All levels are welcome.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Now We've Got The Time: social group for gay men with HIV, see AIDS Resources for info.

Brainy-Artsy Gals: Group for women interested in the arts. Art salons & monthly social gatherings. Info: 824-4401.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 5 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.

Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) 763-5999.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also

publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. Rev Coni Staff, pastor. 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939. Info: 927-2018.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship, 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage: is an Episcopal ministry called to advocate justice for lesbian/gay people, and to witness to the Godliness of gay/lesbian love. Central location at 555A Castro St. Mtg space available for rent to 12-Step groups, AIDS support groups, advocacy groups & others. Info: 552-2909.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 5 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 486-0625. Also discussion, movie & service groups.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: (510) 621-2556.

Gay Clergy Support Group: For gay religious & clergy in the Bay Area. Info: Brother Jonathan 584-1034 8-10 am, or pm.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Tues at 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg, Market St & Embarcadero, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 9 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.

Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 190973, SF 94119-0973 or call 285-1260 eves.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

HiMA!: Homosexuals in the Martial Arts: nationwide organization for men & women martial artists. All ranks & styles welcome & encouraged! Info/newsletter: HiMA!, PO Box 590601, SF 94159-0601.

Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists (PAWMA) promotes martial arts trainig for women. Dedicated to improving the physical, mental & spiritual development of women martial artists in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Supports access to schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances, training camps & more. Info: (510) 664-7034 or write: PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley, CA 94701-12861.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991 or Gary 558-9195.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes: SF's Gay Scuba Club. Monthly mtgs. Dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes, social events & exotic dive trips. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Gay Men's Basketball: Sun at 6 pm, 100 Collingwood St, behind Cala Foods, 18th & Collingwood (in the Castro), SF. Info: Tony 621-2710.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Joe 621-9964.

Berkeley Swim Team: spons swim workouts, competes in lesbian & gay swim meets. East Bay swimmers, novice thru experienced, are welcome to join! Info: Chris (510) 654-9719.

Making Waves: Private, fat women's swim every Sun morning, 11 am-1 pm at Albany High School Pool. Nonstructured. Volleyball, lap swimming, play & conversation. There are height/weight requirements, call Linda (510) 524-6470 for info.

The Banshees Lesbian Soccer Team: the only all-lesbian team in the Golden Gate Women's League. Call 655-1189 or 835-1095 for info.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call Peter 252-9053 for details.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 255-3162 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.

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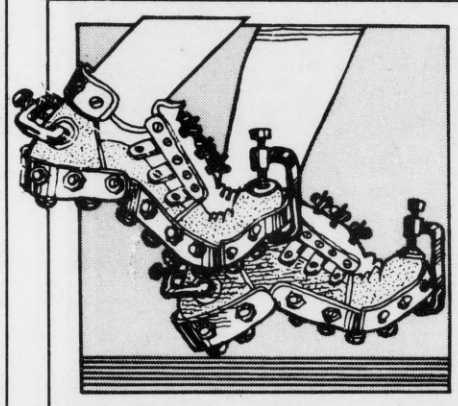

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Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.

Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

Side by Side provides peer support groups for bisexual men & women. Safe, confidential, friendly. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: 2nd Fri of each month in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990.

Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

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Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: MJ 536-7251, Mickey 843-2649, Maja 548-1549.

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UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Christian Women's Support Group, see Spirituality.

Gay Clergy Support Group, see Spirituality.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Life Direction/Career Change support group for lesbians. Finding meaningful, fulfilling work is a lot easier with the ideas and encouragement of others. Call Loretta 763-0204 for info.

BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian & Italian American Lesbians). Una famiglia de lesbiche addressing cultural & political concerns of Sicilian & Italian American lesbians, gain awareness of our ethnic identity, resist assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta mix, don't dine alone! Call Rosemary 237-6207 or Janet 654-3531. Newcomers welcome, half-bloods are OK.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Small, Etc, a club for men who are ashamed of their size, and other gay men who are "normal", but understanding. Group offers support, connection with others. For newsletter & other info send SASE to Small, Etc, PO Box 294, Bayside NY 11361.

The Caring Coterie: a group for men having environmental sensitivities. Share resources, remedies, & support in a "safe" and accessible Oakland space. Info: Ray 763-0235.

Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.

Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 4 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call Wayne 827-4077 for details.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, **"incest/battery therapy"** and **"discussion/consultation groups"**..

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Lesbian-only groups available. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Lesbian Therapy Group to explore and heal issues of co-dependency, intimacy, anger and self-sacrifice. Wed 6-7:30 pm, SL fee. At Pacific Center, Berkeley. For info contact Kris or Claudia, 548-8283.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

Grief & Creativity: 10-wk group for women wishing to explore unresolved grief issues. Spons by Children's Hospital of SF & Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. For more info call Martha Russell, LCSW, 750-6160; or Diane Spaugh, MSW, 923-3515.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: 548-2570.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr). for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: John W 626-7000.

"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by CSP Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-1115.

Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: Peer education, support groups and clean & sober alternative activities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning youth and young adults under 23 years old. Also parent education & referrals, community involvement. Info: Donna 565-7681.

Sex Clubs...

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who are trying to promote healthy sex."

Dr. Hernandez lauds the gay community for bringing down levels of new HIV infection to one percent annually. But, she says, "What we are seeing now are a few individuals who are choosing to make a profit out of unsafe sex—partly that is relapse, and partly it's that people will always make money off of other people's bad choices." She warns that the DPH will take action to close sex clubs that refuse to promote safe sex or allow significant levels of unsafe activity.

That worries Larry Brinkin, San Francisco HRC anti-discrimination representative. He is opposed to any government regulation of sexual behavior: "If we were really going to do that to prevent people getting sick, or dying, we should then regulate or close down fast food emporiums, because it has been proven that that sort of diet can lead to sickness or death. While we are at it we should close down bars and taverns because we know that drinking can lead to sickness and or death!"

Frutchey says he is adopting a wait-and-see attitude toward what city authorities do next. "If there are sex clubs that meet fire and safety regulations that are still pursued by the authorities, then it is time for us to yell and stomp our feet."

BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

Dong of Death

Over the past few months I've noticed a few items in the *SF Weekly* pertaining in a very tongue-in-cheek manner to a certain individual who ranks as a new and widely popular member of a local rock act (which has only recently broken big nationally). This individual is rumored to have a penis so large he can actually fellate himself. One item suggests the individual is a drummer. Another blind item seems to point all signs toward Chris Isaak as the one with the dong of death. Other speculations include members of Metallica, Faith No More and Primus.

I find it interesting, this fascination in the straight press about rock 'n' roll dick size. Does a big dick mean better rock 'n' roll? Hmmmmmmm. If bigger is better in rock, I'd like to make my own guess right now. I think the super-hung local has to be either drummer Lynn Perko of Sister Double Happiness or vocalist Linda Perry of 4 Non-Blondes.

After one listen to the long-awaited second release by Sister Double Happiness, *Heart and Mind*, you just know that some gigantic force is behind the power this combo musters up. To me, they are San Francisco's pride and joy, the best group this burg has offered up in the last ten years.

The record opens with a gut-crunching ode to a dog named Bobby Shannon, with vocalist Gary Floyd snarling out the first line, then the guitar rips into a forceful prowl in this odd reading of a dog worshiping the Hindu monkey god, Hunaman. "Ain't It a Shame" is an environmental concern song that doesn't just stop at the ozone and redwoods but instead ends up with the lines, "A new disease will make you frown/ and the police rod is sticking up hard/ ready to beat you back down/ and ain't it a shame." One of my favorites on the record is "Exposed to You," a poignant song about a lost love that more than obviously is handled from the viewpoint of a man singing about another man.

Yeah, that's right: All you closeted dick-headed rock stars take note, and lord knows some of our most popular rock acts are still working this sexually ambiguous thing to death, literally.

Many of the other songs on the CD handle all forms of relationships, the sailor and the woman he left behind forever, mother and son, friends and the wrong crowd, government and the youth it sends off to die in war, etc. On this basis alone, the record stands as one of the most politically aware, all-inclusive and honest statements this shrouded-in-secrecy, steeped-in-deception music industry has seen in years.

The music is quite varied stylistically, from double-time, hand-jive, southern-fried rock, to soft and sensitive traditional folk. The most instrumentally exciting cut is the blistering white-hot "I'm Drowning," in which guitarist Ben Cohen lets loose with the most astounding guitar work I've yet heard from him, matching Floyd's force of nature vocals and Jeff Palmer's never-fail basslines.

And I almost forgot—Lynn Perko plays the drums so furiously hard and fast that there's little doubt in my mind: she's definitely super-hung! Buy this disc; it's an absolute must if you think your collection represents what the most important moments in rock 'n' roll are or have been over the years.

Another release I anxiously await—4 Non-Blondes' first record. Had I not run into their vocalist Linda Perry at Colossus (surprise, surprise for both of us) last weekend, I probably wouldn't have even considered her as one of the possibilities in the super-hung mystery. You see, as I strolled up to say hello, she said, "Do you have a big basket?" Her curiosity alone seemed indicative that she also is packing a huge rod, not to mention huge talent and utter fierceness, ready to burst into a scene where those four girls will definitely stir up the shit. I can't wait. Oh, and Chris, don't worry, some people like big bank accounts even more than big dicks.

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Sister Double Happiness

THE CASTRO STREET FAIR

Once again it's time for the final and largest street fair of the season: The Castro Street Fair. It's kind of sad, just when the tan lines from bare butt chaps were getting really good, or even peeling, from the Folsom Street Fair, and all new pierces were made post-infection public like debutantes at coming-out balls. The summer "season" draws to a close, and it's time to wave a tearful goodbye to broad daylight leather ornamentia. I get all choked up. NO!

Nancy Kravitz and I booked the live entertainment stage this year, our second time. Nancy handled all the tough stuff while I made coffee, cleaned her latex clothing with Armor-All and took requests for "later in the day please" timeslots from drag queens. She only threatened me with a strap (-on) once. And this is what we came up with.

12:00 Miss Ann Drogynous: Fresh from her run in the popular play *Drag Queens in Outer Space*, not to mention her positively epic performances on Nancy's phone machine—an even longer-running show—this songbird will belt out a few.

12:10 Mrs. Jones: This fresh new all-gal band is a name to look out for. The vocalist is like a cross between Kate Bush and Poly Styrene with a touch of Lydia Pense thrown in. They rip.

12:40 Pansy Division: This attraction is one guy, one guitar, one back-up tape and a bevy of slut-boy/bad-girl dancers celebrating the marriage of rock 'n' roll to a well-worn pile of Boyd McDonald's S.T.H. sex journals. Head Pansy John Ginoli writes songs as charming and humorous as Phranc's, yet filthy as 2 Live Crew's. Look for his newly released cassette.

12:55 Bambi: The ever-lovely and talented vocalist will be doing excerpts from her recent one-woman show.

1:10 Timmy Spense: From the depths of the Black Rose to the depths of your heart, drag beyond compare.

1:20 Angel Corpus Christie: Angel plays an accordian just like a guitar, Nancy Kravitz lays out the bass lines, and on guitar is Angel's husband, Rich, a member of MX-80 Sound who also happens to be the favorite guitarist of Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon. Together they sound like a demented surf band playing on a merry-go-round.

1:50 Jane Genet and her Tacky Snappers: Tacky psychedelic cover tunes from a true renaissance woman who paints and slings beers from behind the bar at Nightbreak.

2:10 Simone: Erotic dancer extraordinaire performs a sword dance—do not attempt at home.

2:20 Marga Gomez: The reigning queen of S.F. stand-up comedy makes her traditional appearance.

2:35 Pat Wilder and Friends: This blues and funk female guitarist/vocalist is a musician's musician with a fine back-up band of other notable females from various local acts. The last time I saw her she was completely on fire, so plan on dancing in the streets.

3:10 Elvis Herselvis: The man, the woman, the legend, the fiance of Justin Bond, last seen outside of the new Klubstitute after a performance getting paid by Diet Popstitute and exclaiming, "Let's score some dilaudids!" If you haven't seen the King, you haven't lived.

3:20 Vegas in Space: In celebration of the upcoming premiere of the Phil Ford and Doris Fish film of the same name, Connie Champagne and a host of others will be performing a musical number from the movie. The release of this long-time-in-the-making work will be an extravaganza of pure San Francisco style and legend. Today you get an early sampling of the glory.

3:40 Enrique: '70s go-go, glam and kitsch wonderkids Enrique are in their own words "muy Jumbo." You've no doubt seen their ongoing murals at Castro and Market, and you've no doubt seen The Brady Bunch. Now you can see the technicolor world of Enrique live.

4:05 Toulouse La Groove: This all-out funk band was placed here for one main reason, to get your asses on the street and dancing before it's too late, and if their cover of "Party Train" doesn't do it, I don't know what will. Perhaps the soulful wail of their female vocalist will do it too, but I'll be down front for that Adonis of a male vocalist they have, who's been known to strip down to his G-string during their sets. I'd jump that train in a second.

4:35 Genuine Diamelles: This a cappella vocal group actually does a cover of Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir."

4:45 Karen Williams: Another local favorite gay comedian rips it up.

5:00 Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence: What street fair would be complete without a nun or two?

5:10 Patsy Cline and The Memphis G-Spots: Postponing her return to Japan was some of the best news this street fair planning committee could have had. Not only can we boast having the King of rock 'n' roll grace the stage, but now we have the Queen of Country/Western finishing up the bill. Don't miss your last chance to catch the legend.

Throughout the day the stage emcees will be SF's most perfectly brilliant, undisputably gorgeous drag queen Miss X and her pal Pearl E. Gates, former vocalist for Pearl Harbor and the Explosions, whose humorous "it's a babe's world" candor, stunning good looks, real-girl status, and mega-perfect knockers will round out the day. She's a SF luminary we need to see more of. And remember, the official breakfast of the 1991 Castro Street Fair is Beer al Fresco. Enjoy the day.

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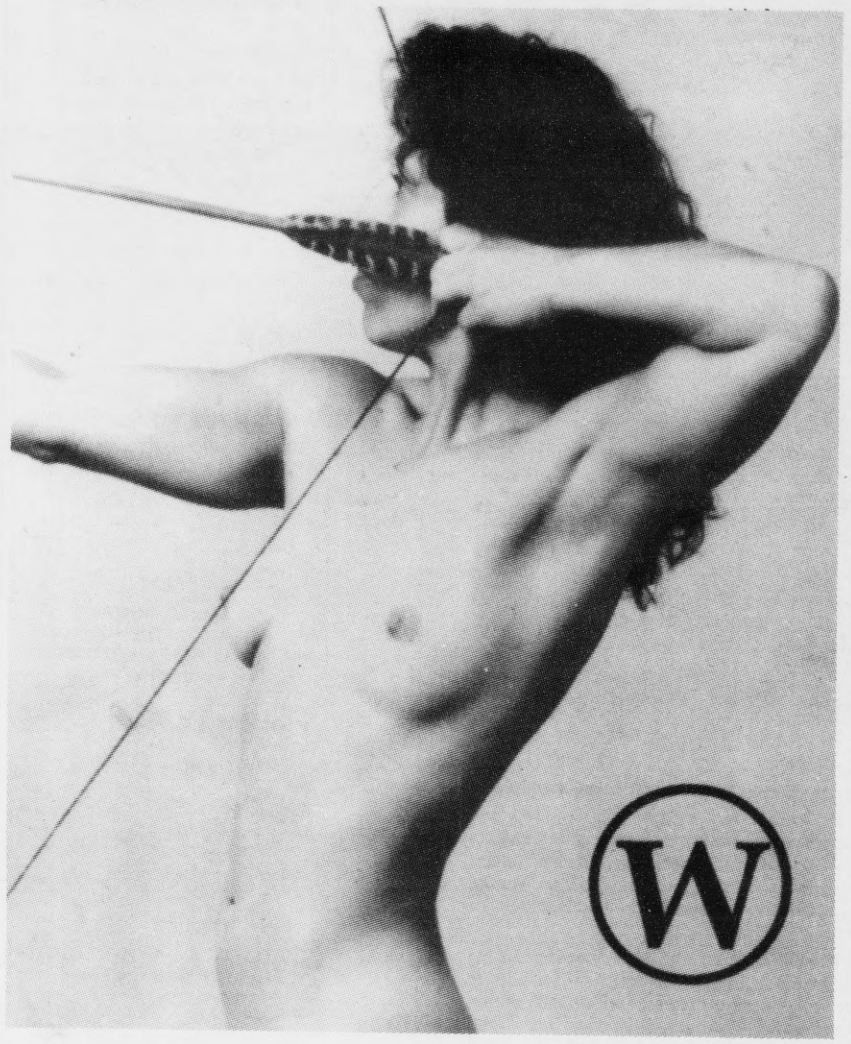

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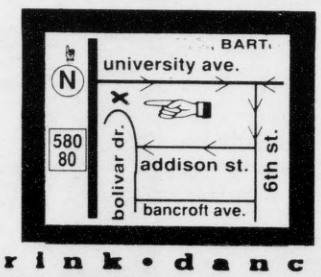

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"Festival Without Attitude" RhythmFest Draws 1,300 Women

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

RhythmFest, a festival of women's music, art and politics, took place Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. Set on 700 acres of land on a horseback riding camp in Northwest Georgia, this upstart "festival without attitude" is carving out a niche as an alternative women's space.

In its second year, the festival featured entertainment from such acts as diva rock trio BETTY, folksinger Faith Nolan, comic Lea DeLaria and poppish band "disappear fear." "Surprise guest" Melissa Etheridge provided an extra thrill for festie-goers. The heart of the festival, though, was in the community that came together to create the event.

Indeed, the desire for a collectively realized space was the impetus for RhythmFest in the first place. It is an attempt to get back to the original values of women's music festivals: a community of women working and celebrating together. The cooperative of producers behind RhythmFest includes festival veterans Michelle Crone, Barbara Savage, Kathleen Mahoney, and longtime political organizer Mandy Carter. (An original fifth member, Susan Freundlich, is no longer with the cooperative. Litigation is pending.)

RhythmFest represents different things to each of the producers. Mahoney said, "A festival for me has always been a place where we get to know women from all over the world...a place to tap into resources for women and the women who create them." Crone, who has worked 28 festivals, wanted to eliminate the classist, elitist structure she found at other festivals, in favor of a more egalitarian, worker-friendly one. For Carter, the attraction is the word "politics" in the billing. She said, "I feel there are a lot of apolitical lesbians out there, and a festival is one way to politicize them without going 'ooh, ouch.' "

Festie-goers were largely spared the drama of other festivals. No shigella outbreaks or ideological battles. This was a live-and-let-live, grassroots kind of festival. Women were encouraged to make suggestions for improvements, and the producers made themselves available for a question-and-answer session, with lively results. One woman asked what festies could do to pitch in and said she'd be willing to bring plumbing pipes next year if it would help. "If every woman brought a piece of pipe in her car, it would be incredible," she said. The spirit of cooperation was not lost on Crone, who called it "magic."

Working on a shoestring budget, RhythmFest has made some choices and has set priorities. Mahoney, who booked the performers, said she went after a broad array of talent, keeping in mind that "some women come for the politics and could care less about the music and vice versa." The festival didn't want to perpetuate the "star system," but recognized some women wanted to see big names.

The producers have a commitment to keeping seed money for each festival, and rolling the rest into profit sharing. This is still some ways away. Savage said about the first year, "We didn't know until the last minute whether we were going to make it or break it."

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This year found some 1,300 women on the land through five days of performances, workshops, speakers and informal get-togethers. It was a strongly lesbian festival, with all the various lesbian cultures represented. Hordes of shirtless women wandered the grounds. Carter, who coordinated the box office, felt that there were a lot of first-time festie-goers, but not a lot of women of color. The two states with the highest percentages of attendees were Georgia and Florida, although festies came from as far away as Alaska and Washington.

Crone said that many women who'd been kicked out of other festivals were turning up at RhythmFest. S/M dykes were out in force, shepherded by Crone, who calls herself a prude in leather. Carter was not aware of any complaints about the S/M-friendly atmosphere, though she admitted some S/M intolerant women may have stayed away "by self-selecting."

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Faith Nolan and Alix Dobkin

The gathering was not one pool of blissful harmony, however. Theft occurred on at least two occasions, adding a discordant note to the cooperative atmosphere. A member of Two Spirited/Thunder People Native American Dance Troop spoke from Night Stage about feeling violated by the removal from her cabin of some feathers. She broke down into tears, saying if women could not learn to treat each other and the land better, "We are never coming back here."

Maintaining the land was a high priority both for spiritual and practical reasons. Glass, plastic, paper and some 400 pounds of aluminum were recycled. The "Trash Queens" were a visible and valued contingent, carting away bags of trash and doing a "trash flash" when inspired.

In line with its commitment to giving out accurate information, RhythmFest featured a tent marked "Rumor Control/Networking" where rumors could be recorded in a notebook and receive responses. One of this year's questions was "Will k.d. lang be here?" Someone responded yes, in a bit of wishful thinking. Rumor Control evolved into Infoweb, a place to pick up out-of-town newspapers, get information on organizations, peruse the sexual awareness display (including ACT UP stickers and dental dams), or check out the Ism Reduction area and network.

The cafe, billed as a place to "dance and romance after the Night Stage performances," turned out to be the ideal woman-watching spot, as women congregated there at night and well into the morning. Performers, workers and festies mingled, without the distinctions of colored armbands. Anna Ragghianti, who coordinated the area, felt that, like the larger festival, the cafe was a way to bring women together. She said, "It makes me feel good to see so many women get together like this...and work together."

The entertainment was the focal point for many women, and there was a broad range of performances. Day Stage offered a homelier, more low-key entertainment than the high-tech acts on Night Stage. Atlanta's women's acoustic community was well-represented. (See Lounging About for some reviews.) Veteran Helen Hooke performed, as did many Southern acts, including Go On Girl and Tracy Drach. There was also a sprinkling of poetry and theater, including a performance group called the "oh so politically correct players."

A concession area was set up by the stage, and women lounged under canopies set up to provide a respite from the heat, which averaged 85 to 90 degrees daily. Right next to the stage was the crafts area, where some 125 craftswomen peddled their wares, offering everything from pottery to massages. Ladyslipper, the largest distributor of music by women, held signings daily, attracting women to check out the music they heard the day before.

Some of the standouts on Night Stage were lesser-known performers. Lesbian comic Georgia Ragsdale's mime, "Woman's First Experience in a Dyke Bar" (to the accompaniment of "Stranger in Paradise"), was a big crowd-pleaser. She joined Lea DeLaria onstage the next night in a hip-hop *pas de deux*.

Austin rockers Girls in the Nose provided laughs and a serious message with their do-it-yourself public service announcement, "Breast Exam." Lead singer Kay Turner also offered an exhortation: "More Madonna. Less Jesus."

The open secret of the festival was Melissa Etheridge's appearance. A friend of the producers, Etheridge paid her own way to get there and was squeezed in for a four-song acoustic set. When she walked onstage to deafening cheers, the newly blond singer said she'd play a few songs from her just-recorded album, to be released Jan. 20. In her spoken intro to "Yes, I Am," she said, "I was going to call the album that, but I thought it was giving them just a bit too much. You know, she says, 'Yes, I am.' She must be." The audience roared.

Coy banter aside, the real eye-opener in Melissa's set was her cover of "Piece of My Heart." Inserting a lengthy spoken piece about a wayward lover, she used the dreaded pronoun "she," as in, "She said she'd come back." The song, Etheridge said, was a throwback to playing in "those bars in Long Beach."

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Girls in the Nose—Kay & M.J.

After that carefully crafted model of decorum, it was left to Alix Dobkin to reflect on the joy of seeing "our girls... acting just like dykes." Long a familiar face on the lesbian music scene, Dobkin is taking a break from touring for awhile. She emceed at Night Stage and ran a workshop on magic and success stories, but didn't perform. She said that she is leaving it to younger lesbians to take up the struggle.

The music concluded with an energy overload, as Two Nice Girls' set was cut short by a generator failure. In a show of solidarity, while the techs scrambled to restore the power, the evening's performers trooped onto the stage for an impromptu rendition of "Kumbaya." This was a women's music festival "Kumbaya," however. Bitzi of BETTY, wearing a T-shirt that read "Blow Me" on one side and "Fuck Me" on the other, screamed out lines which the audience repeated, such as "Show your tits! Kumbaya." No one seemed too disappointed that the power could not be restored.

The producers had decided to forego music in favor of a carnival the last day, realizing that a large number of attendees would be leaving to get home. Instead, Labor Day featured a brunch served near Day Stage, booths including a dildo toss and apple bob, entertainment, such as Harley the Troubleshooter telling jokes, and some dancing in that inimitable Grateful Dead sway that lesbians love.

Once it all wound down, there was still the cleanup to be done, all the wheelchair-accessible carpet to be pulled up, the showers and ramps to be disassembled, and food to be packed or given away. It took four days to restore the land, and the pace was more relaxed. Most women left, leaving an ever-dwindling skeleton crew of 20 to handle the tasks.

The little festival-that-could may be getting too big for its britches. Attendance is slowly climbing to the land's capacity of 1,500. Options are being explored, including doing a West Coast version or moving to a permanent site in the South. The producers have a vision of building an Old Crones' Home, where lesbians could retire and live on women's land year round. Visualizing this dream, Savage said, "I wanna live in a lesbian nation. I wanna live on 3,000 acres with lesbians."

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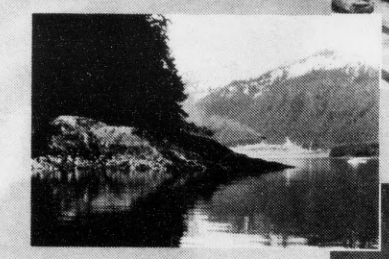

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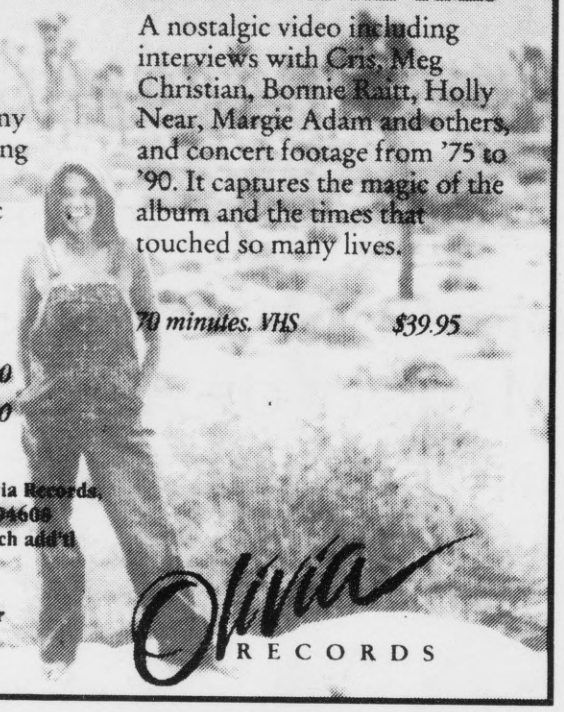

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Global Riot

Reviewing an improv troupe is a self-defeating exercise. The real comedy is in watching the individuals unhesitatingly cope with a series of inane challenges thrown at them by their audience. Each brief skit is spontaneously combusted from absurdist situations and mismatched characters, and even when the actors are in peak form, the results can be hit-and-miss. But that's improv. You had to be there.

Global Riot, the lesbian and gay improv group under Suzy Berger's direction, has now emerged full-blown after nine months of gestation. After honing its skills in several September appearances at Josie's Cabaret, the troupe returns for three Wednesdays next month (Oct. 2, 23 and 30). The ensemble includes, in addition to ringmaster Berger, Laurie Bushman, Richie Crippen, Katie Cronin, Pam Forrest, Kelly Kittell, Allan Morelli, Alix Sanso, Joe Weatherby and Karen Williams.

When audience members call out a situation, a place and a couple of real or fictional characters, Global Riotors leap into the breach, utilizing whatever prop or wig is at hand. In a "typical tourist's day in San Francisco," Weatherby was a delightfully coy and skittish woman at Steinhart Aquarium. Karen Williams, whose wit and deadpan delivery is as *brut* as the finest champagne, was a superb heckler at Josie's own refreshment counter. As a doctor on his first day of hospital practice, Kittell went into spasms of ecstasy each time he was paged over the PA system.

There were Sci-Fi skits, mini-musicals (bird calls in a Belize setting might well have taxed a Sondheim's talent), party skits with the host having to guess the occupations of his guests, poetry readings in a foreign language with even more bizarre translations, and some 10-second Tricky Tricks where odd couples are discovered just after sex (Mae West and Winnie Churchill discover their only common ground is the size of their "butts"). "All Day, Any Day," a dating game show, offered host Morelli, a female cabaret singer, potential date choices which included a disdainful poet and a career hair burner.

The evening disintegrated into total hilarious madness when Berger, as game show guest Fanny Rabinowich, took over the stage for some of the wildest improv I've ever seen. As a querulous babushka, she lost herself in the madness of the moment and the skit soared. Maybe in the future, Berger should make an earlier appearance...like a real live warm-up act on TV.

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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

The Atlanta Scene

Artists from Atlanta left a big impression on me at RhythmFest. Indigo Girls (aka Amy and Emily) stand out as the ones who made it big, but there's a whole acoustic women's music community. The credits of their recordings speak of mutual admiration. For example, Wendy thanks Kristen. Dede thanks Angela. Kristen thanks Dede—and everybody thanks Amy and Emily. You get the picture. Follow me, as we explore THE ATLANTA SCENE.

WENDY BUCKLEW
Rage in the Ring

Bucklew's voice is emotive, a raspy yet engaging instrument that conveys the power of her songs. *Rage in the Ring,* originally released in 1990, features local musicians, including veteran Dede Vogt, who also produced it. The songs are strong and catchy, particularly "Picket Line," which includes the refrain "Freedom of speech, so controversial." Given her strong showing on the tape, I was surprised to find that in person, Bucklew is rather shy and self-effacing. Originally from California, she moved to Atlanta from Florida after discovering the acoustic scene. She found encouragement from Indigo Girls and Vogt, and has been performing live for three years.

Bucklew says she likes to "connect things" and offers "Picket Line" as an example. The song sprang from "a conversation with a particular person" and is about freedom of choice, she says. Bucklew will be re-releasing *Rage in the Ring* as a CD with four additional live tracks and is also working with Vogt on pre-production for a second record. She says she worries about being stereotyped. "My music's not a statement about my being gay. It's about relationships between two people." Atlanta affords her the chance to be herself and be supported, something not entirely possible in her family. "I haven't gotten to the space yet that I am so strong and in myself that I can defend myself against people who would scorn lesbians." Bucklew is touring Southern California in October and says, "I would love to come to San Francisco. I've never been there." P.O. Box 5375, Atlanta, Georgia 30307

ANGELA MOTTER: DEMO TAPE

Atlanta native Motter has explored several styles since she began writing at age ten. In her current incarnation as an acoustic artist, she displays a strong slide guitar technique and a smooth vocal delivery with a slight catch to it. This tape consists of three songs that showcase Motter's various sides. "Finely Tuned Machine" features some aching longing set to her slide guitar. In "I'm Free," she declares "nobody's gonna take my dream apart." "Mean Mean World" appealed to me both for its melody and its indictment of a world that's mean "for such a little girl." Classically trained, Motter used to be a jazz musician, but turned her back on that genre when she opened for B.B. King a couple of years ago. She got hooked on the blues and developed her passion for the "slide guitar thing." Motter enjoys being part of the Atlanta acoustic scene, saying, "It's competitive, but in a healthy way. There are not too many places to play." Out as a lesbian in Atlanta, Motter is one of the few who'll play Gay Pride and says, "I love playing those things." However, she's not quite comfortable in the role of spokesperson. "I'll talk to the gay press. That's who supports me, but it's something I have to take one day at a time." She's working on an EP and ready to tour again after being hampered by vocal nodes.

JOYCE AND JACQUE
Higher Ground

Joyce Williams and Jacqueline Howard have been performing together for three years. Utilizing acoustic guitar and vocal harmonies, their message is one of love and acceptance, says Howard. The contrast of vocal qualities is a striking feature of their sound. Williams' voice is deep and powerful, while Howard, who takes most of the leads, has a more flexible, silky sound. "Higher Ground" contains eight songs, a couple of which overdose on treacle. However, the title track, "Grandma's Song," and "Shine a Life" transcend good intentions to make quiet statements on personal empowerment.

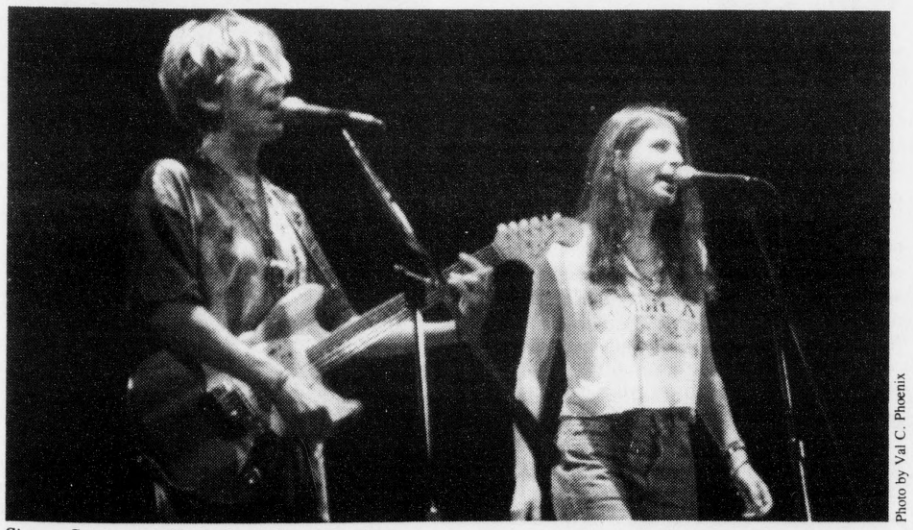
The duo has recently recorded three songs with percussion and full production. They feel some ambivalence toward this "Joyce and Jacque band experiment." Williams says, "I love the tape, but I like it when it's just us, too." Howard, who does most of the writing, says, "I want to keep the words foremost." So, whom are they trying to reach with these words? RhythmFest is their second women's festival, and they don't consider themselves women's musicians. Many of their gigs are at colleges, where, says Williams, they find "fresh, open-minded people and hope for the world."

KRISTEN HALL
Real Life Stuff and Bootleg

Hall was represented at the festival by her guitar tech, hence the officially sanctioned bootleg. An Atlanta mainstay, her songs are captivating in their richness. Her vocals are well-worn and compelling, and she tends to favor songs about lost love and finding independence. The Bootleg tape features the Kristen Hall Band, while Real Life Stuff is her on guitar, backed by Dede Vogt on mandolin, with guest appearances by Emily Saliers. I actually prefer the latter, for the simple instrumentation allows the lyrics to shine through, a real plus. A snippet from "It's Allright," which features Emily on backing vocal, runs, "Sometimes I torture myself, but I don't take shit from anyone else." Another standout is "Chicago, 5 a.m.," introduced by a wistful harmonica solo. Anyone who's ever felt out of place (a show of hands, please) can relate to the sentiment expressed when Hall sings mournfully, "I wanna go home. This is not a house I can live in. I need a space of my own. This is not a place I feel free in." She should be releasing something by the end of October.

DEDE VOGT
Goliath Dreaming

The word offbeat comes to mind in reference to this. Beginning with the song titles, moving through the lyrics to the use of instruments, this tape of eight songs, released in 1989, is a little gem of a recording. Vogt is credited with vocals, guitars, bass, mandolin, xylophone, hammered dulcimer, and cheesey organ, though she gets some additional help. One might discern some thread about darkness and monsters from the words, but let's just say they are cryptic. The result is some trippy pop songs. Take my favorite track, "Wreckless Angels," a little banjo, mandolin and bass ditty. I don't know what it's about, but I can't get it out of my head. Check this out for yourself if you can find it.



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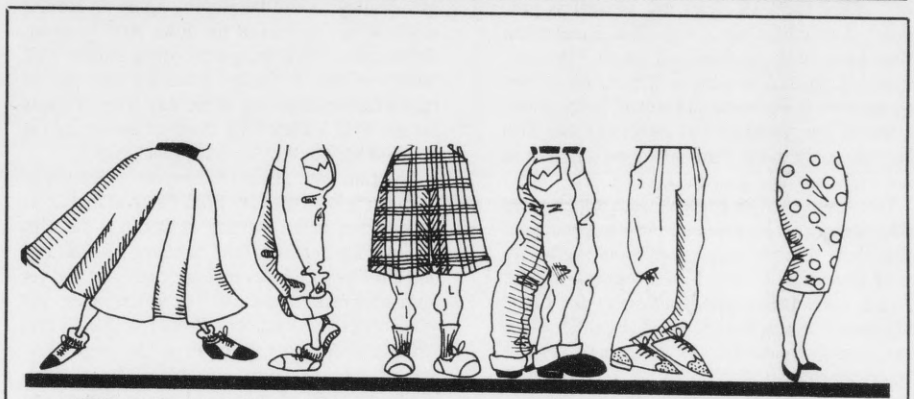

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Jan Oxenberg in a scene from "Thank you and Goodnight"

Mill Valley Film Festival Features Lesbian/Gay Filmmakers

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

From Oct. 3-10, Mill Valley is having its 14th Annual Film Festival, hosting 42 films from 18 countries, as well as programs of short films and a videofest. Some of the films have been pre-screened, most have not. Some will go into commercial distribution following the festival, and some still remain up for grabs. A few of the offerings will travel to other film festivals, such as the Film Arts Festival here in San Francisco which opens on Oct. 30.

Two feature-length presentations which were unfortunately not available for press screening but which have received acclaim and would definitely be of interest to *SF Bay Times* readers, are the films *Color Adjustment* and *Salmonberries*. *Color Adjustment* is Marlon Riggs' (*Tongues Untied*) latest work, which explores 40 years of African American stereotyping on TV in a sociological and political context. The film has been described as both insightful and entertaining. The other film which comes to us with accolades from the Montreal Film Festival is Percy Aldon's (*Baghdad Cafe*) *Salmonberries*. Making her feature film acting debut is none other than k.d. lang. Our favorite lesbian country singer stars in this film as a half-Eskimo orphan who is often mistaken for a man. She falls in love with a German female librarian in a remote outpost in Alaska. *Salmonberries* also includes music written for the film by k.d.

Another film which would be of interest is director Beeban Kidron's *Antonia and Jane*. Kidron previously directed the lesbian favorite, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*. This film is about the long-term and difficult relationship between two old friends.

Color Adjustment is scheduled for Oct. 6 at the Sequoia Theatre in Mill Valley. If you miss it in Mill Valley, it will be playing again on Nov. 2 at the Roxie as part of the Film Arts Festival. *Salmonberries* is making a one-night stand in Mill Valley on Oct. 5. So far, it has not been picked up for future screening in the Bay Area. Tickets for the Mill Valley Film Festival are on sale at BASS/TM, but they're selling out fast!

The film voted Best Documentary Feature at this year's Lesbian/Gay Film Festival makes its appearance on the evening of Oct. 6 at the Mill Valley Film Festival. Jan Oxenberg's *Thank You and Goodnight* is a devastatingly realistic and yet humorous and imaginative film following the last years of her grandmother's Brooklyn/Queens life. Archival footage of Coney Island, the Loew's Orpheum movie house and Oxenberg's Jewish family alternate with shots of the Lincoln Tunnel and interiors of the small apartment where her grandmother lived, the hospital where she died, and the house where Jan, her mother and close relatives sat *shiva* after the painful death.

The star of the film is unquestionably the aging and dying matriarch. It's not that she seemed to be such a special person. In fact, Jan's brother expressed his amazement that someone like grandma could be going through an experience so transformational and so profound as death. It's not that Jan was so very close to her in adult life before she started following her elderly grandmother around with movie cameras, either. And the grandmother wasn't particularly heroic or insightful or lovable at that. The narrator of the film, an onscreen cut-out doll version of Jan as a scowling child, asks the question about her grandmother's cynical personality quite frankly: "Was her life really rotten or did she make herself miserable?"

Thank You and Goodnight is a strange film in that it manages to convey the absolute realisms of Jan Oxenberg's family interrelationships while at the same time taking off on the wild flights of fantasy from the artist within their midst. The scenes reconstructed from Jan's childhood world of spaceships, '50s kids' costumes like Daniel Boone beaver hats and Coney Island forays on the Cyclone and Tilt-A-Whirls, advanced the film from being merely a truthfully rendered account of a grandmother dying into more of a fictionalized narrative about growing up with grandma in the '50s. It's a fun film, funny really, without losing sight of the seriousness of its themes of death and suffering.

Although the film is full of wry humor and comic juxtapositions, I found myself deeply moved and actually crying from deep places in my heart over the death of her grandmother. There's a universality to this film where it's easy to replace your own grandmother with hers, even if your grandmother was really nothing at all like hers. For me that same feeling of loving the grandmother who was more like a mother, and fondly remembering all the small details of her apartment full of chintzy collectibles, brought me back to a place I've never seen portrayed as well in any film. As Oxenberg intimates, we really are so ill-equipped to die, and there's such a lack of understanding for most of us as to how to live fulfilling lives. The big question the film brings up is: What is the meaning of suffering? What is the meaning behind emotional suffering during life and physical suffering on the verge of death? What does a person lose when she loses her life? How do we, as survivors, handle loss?

Thank You and Goodnight is well worth the trip across the bridge. It will also be opening commercially in San Francisco sometime around February.

And, if you're looking for something interesting, offbeat, and totally lesbian/gay-oriented for Thursday night, Oct. 17, why not check out Daniel Mangin's provocative lecture: "Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters" at the Castro Theatre. I heard a variation of this lecture animated by a well-chosen collection of film clips this past summer and I recommend it highly. Mangin takes a look at the portrayal of lesbians and gays in a wide range of films from 1930-1991. The genres include B-movies, Hollywood pop films, '60s educational propaganda newsreels and imported European stereotypes. As Mangin says, "Gay characters in films have been a shorthand to explain evil." Lesbians are seen as predatory, mentally ill, guilt-ridden and suicidal. Gay men are seen as brutal and violent psycho-killers, frightfully outside the normal boundaries of morality. Everything you've ever wanted to know about sexual perverts is presented here before your eyes.

Stepping Out With Liza

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

I loved *Stepping Out*. Call me easy. Call me a sentimental slob. But I'm a sucker for an ugly duckling story, and *Stepping Out* features eight more-or-less-lovable but gangly cygnets.

Filmed mostly on a small-scale church set, this understated, nonjudgmental look into the lives of some ordinary, untalented adults who meet for a weekly tap class is 1991's most heartwarming movie. You'll feel warm all over and you won't feel manipulated.

Liza Minnelli has, at long last, dropped her explosive eye-popping, arm-waving mannerisms and turns in a remarkably restrained, totally believable performance as a woman, Mavis, who gave up dancing as a submissive gesture to a less talented lover. Mavis is an ex-pro New York hoofer who has followed her guitar-playing mate (Luke Reilly) to Buffalo. To make extra money she teaches a tap class of misfits who have come together out of loneliness, desperation, a need for self-expression and, in one case, to get out of the kitchen and away from her kids.

This carousel of klutzes includes Maxine (Ellen Greene), an outwardly tough dress shop owner; Geoffrey (Bill Irwin), a shy insurance salesman with two left feet; Vera (Julie Walters), the compulsive cleaner-upper who is unable to face the fact that her nubile daughter has replaced her in her second husband's affections; Sylvia (Robyn Stevens), bubbly, bouncy and boy-crazy; Lynne (Jane Krakowski), an introspective, not-too-confident, gorgeous blonde nurse; Andy (Sheila McCarthy), tall, plain, awkward, and a battered wife; Dorothy (Andrea Martin), a librarian desperate to take wing; and Rose (Carol Woods), large, amiable, self-deprecating, mother and wife.

And whom do we recognize at the class piano? It's Mrs. Fraser, a pouting, irascible, bodacious Shelley Winters. The dowdy Mrs. Fraser not only intimidates Mavis, she can pulverize a dancer's confidence with one withering glance.

But Mavis perseveres: "Five, six, seven, eight—step, step, kick, turn." Someone turns the wrong way. Someone breaks formation. Someone falls down. Then, as in all good fairy tales, fate steps in. Mavis is invited to show off her students at a very social recital for a local charity. After a moment of exultation, terror takes over and the adrenaline kicks in. Little by little they begin to discover who they are, and worried frowns dissolve as they acknowledge their self-worth. They take charge and begin to dance.

Then it's the big night. They're not quite ready, but they're a team (including Mavis, who is not only pregnant but deserted) and they give it their best shot. Nobody dropped a hat and what the hell, they weren't too bad. The audience loved them.

And does Ms. Minnelli get to wow us with a set piece all her own? Indeed she does. In the title song, Kander and Ebb's "Stepping Out," she does what she does best, sings and dances with incredible verve and dazzling style. Like a Pied Piper for the whole cockeyed world, she leads a high-kicking, top-hatted, cane twirling chorus through a Broadway routine. The chorus? Those same eight ugly ducklings who have, at long last, become swans.

Stepping Out features a score by Peter Matz, choreography by Danny Daniels and some inspired casting. Lewis Gilbert (*Shirley Valentine, Educating Rita*) produced and directed. *Stepping Out* opens Friday, Oct. 4, at the Kabuki 8 Cinemas, Post at Fillmore.

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Alison Wahl (left) and Luba Blumberg in "Home Visit" at Theatre Rhinoceros.

Home Visit

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

What fascinates young playwrights with the concept of kitchen dramas? Is it because their early plays are weighted with autobiography and in real life people gravitate to the comfort of the kitchen table and away from the revealing dangers of the bedroom?

Lauren Cuttler's semi-autobiographical play, *Home Visit* (a product of Theatre Rhinoceros' Playwriting Workshop) is set in a cozy, middle-class kitchen in a suburb of present-day New York. Ethel (Luba Blumberg) and Bernie (Steven Patterson) are awaiting the visit of their daughter Judith (Alison Wahl) from San Francisco. Prior to her arrival, there have been several phone calls from Judith's lover, Ruby, and Bernie reminds his wife to speak of her as "Ruby" and not as "your friend." Ethel has accepted her daughter's lesbianism, but she simply doesn't want to hear about it. When Judith refers to Ruby as "practically my wife," Ethel's eyes glaze over in search of something pleasant to think about. Another piece of chicken?

Judith, a nurse, has come home to visit her father who has presumably battled cancer to a standoff. She has also come home to consider and resolve her own relationship in terms of her parents' lives. She wants to settle down with Ruby "like a couple of Donna Reeds." Ruby, on the other hand, wants an open relationship. But when she tries to talk—really *talk*—to her mother about relationships, Ethel nervously chatters about book clubs and food.

"What about *love*?" Judith pursues. Bernie answers, "Love has nothing to do with a good relationship." Judith presses. What about those scenes she half-remembers from childhood—the quarrels, crying in the night, Ethel locking herself in the bathroom, suicide threats? Turning to her kitchen sink, Ethel remembers none of it. Judith pushes for explanations. A model of patience, Bernie finally says to his unrelenting daughter, "Maybe it's none of your business." Bravo Bernie.

A routine checkup reveals that Bernie's cancer has returned, and the play's direction moves to the subject of the right to die with dignity. He has decided to forgo the disorientation and nausea of further chemotherapy treatments and let nature take its course. Ethel takes this decision as a personal affront. Judith takes it as a further opportunity to assert herself, and in a relatively restrained scene evokes her father's promise to give chemotherapy another try. Then she was off to catch her flight—Ruby was picking her up at SFO.

But what has the visit taught Judith about herself? Sure, she's dredged up unpleasant memories for Ethel and Bernie, but to what end? This home visit had lots of conversation, little plot, and an occasional spurt of humor, mostly involving audience manipulation with a Yiddish phrase. (A resigned "Oy vay" got one of the evening's biggest chuckles.) I rather hoped Ruby would fly in, stir things up a bit, create some first-hand tension.

The production itself was first-rate. Steven Patterson's skillful direction avoided the potential for caricature in Ethel's role and he managed to keep Judith relatively sympathetic despite her scripted rudeness and selfish motivation. Patterson not only directed, he stepped into the role of Bernie at the last moment and created a compassionate husband and father. Bill Schmidt designed the handsome set. And for one of the best musical scores of the season, John Karr gets the credit.

Home Visit continues at Theatre Rhinoceros through Oct. 12. Call 861-5079.

Stardust

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Stardust, featuring the lyrics of Mitchell Parish and the music of Hoagy Carmichael, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and others, premiered on Broadway in 1987. Recast, re-choreographed and redirected by Henry LeTang for this production, the collection of jazz-age razzmatazz and romantic vignettes features breathtakingly elegant tableaux of art-deco sets and Erte costumes. Gorgeous as they are, the Erte-inspired gowns are mostly window dressing; they don't lend themselves to much movement.

Parish, whose lyrics bind the show together, was all but ignored once the stardusted curtain parted. Sprinkled with an occasional romantic solo, the musical is now a dancer's vehicle—an odd turn for a tribute to a lyricist—and the dancers knock themselves out in a too frenetic display of LeTang's choreography.

Statuesque Gloria Loring (*Days of Our Lives*) headlines a cast of ingratiating, go-for-broke dancer/singers that includes the mulitalented Peter Slutsker, the delectable Cathy Wydner, eccentric dancer Betsy Baytos (a vaudeville touch), sultry Nancy Hess, sizzling tapper Jackie Patterson (who milks the audience for applause), John Hoshko and Brien Watson. Loring, who doesn't dance, opens and closes the show with a strikingly visual rather than visceral rendition of "Stardust." My favorite number in the entire revue, a rich ballad called "Forgotten Dreams" (music by Larry Anderson), was beautifully sung by Loring.

The show's best songs came out of the '20s, '30s and '40s. Carmichael's "One Morning In May" was a fresh treat; "Sophisticated Lady" was set in a glittering silver and black tableau; "My Topic of Conversation Is You," a nicely relaxed charmer, was sung by Cathy, John and Brien; "Moonlight Serenade" was cheek-to-cheek romantic; and John's "Does Your Heart Beat for Me?" was sentimental.

From the '50s we were treated to such questionable classics as "The Syncopated Clock," (cute!); "Volare," (a Las Vegas lounge act); "Sleigh Ride" (more cute!); and "Ciao, Ciao, Bambino." Better they had stopped with the '40s.

Talent, music, lyrics, costumes, lights—the makings of a hit show. All it needs is a concept, some heart, and a sense of pacing that allows us to enjoy the dancers, not sympathize with them.

Stardust plays the Marines Memorial in an open-ended run. Call 771-6900.

At press time it was announced that Stardust *headliner Gloria Loring will be leaving the musical on Sept. 29. San Francisco's own Meg Mackay (*Beach Blanket Babylon, Torch Song Trilogy, *and currently lighting up* And What, Give Up Show Biz? *steps into the leading role and the Erte gowns on Oct. 1. Ms. Mackay will be replaced in* Show Biz *by Claudia Rose Golde, who was so fine in the short-lived* Apple Tree.

Tierra Madre

REVIEWED BY DEAN GOODMAN

There's nothing wrong when a performing artist writes a piece to display his own talents, then directs and produces it himself. While many actor/artists have done this successfully, it isn't always so, and a case in point is *Tierra Madre*, composed by Faustino Rothman, a former ballet dancer, and co-starring his mother, Olga Chaviano, a cabaret artist of some distinction in Cuba's pre-revolution 1950s.

It's hard to figure out what Rothman is trying to do in this effort, unless it's to show just how depressing life can be on this planet. Each of the characters in his fantasy (it can hardly be called a play) emerges from behind black draperies to deliver repetitious monologues about how dreary his or her lot is, and only occasionally is there any interaction between them. If there was a concept behind these self-pitying outpourings, I failed to perceive it.

Thomas W. Jenkins, attired as a cowboy (for some inexplicable reason), plays a cheerful Oscar Wilde in contrast to Rothman's gloomy, overacted F. Scott Fitzgerald (in a derby hat and trouser legs rolled up!). Learia Ryan is a shrill environmentalist hopelessly in love with gay poet Richard Weinstein. Mimi-Freed lives with nightmares of being raped as a child. Karl Heinz-Teuber has a poignant moment as he relives his family's murder at the hands of Nazis, but misery piles upon misery when he reveals to Mimi-Freed (his daughter) that it was he who raped her.

A voice-over monologue by a character designated as Albert Einstein was a dull and pointless exercise in sophistry. Mark Owens (with pierced nose and nipples) was a house cat who told of siring a litter by his mother and later sang a song titled "I'll Be Seeing You," but which was *not* the great 1940s pop classic. Chaviano mourned her lost fame and youth and speculated on the horrors of age and poverty. Gary Robinson, made-up and attired like a voodoo queen, was the flamboyant narrator who tried to tie the diverse monologues together. It was a lost cause.

Only sporadically interesting, seldom emotionally involving, *Tierra Madre* is, in the last analysis, much ado about nothing much, ill-conceived and ineffectively staged. Under such circumstances it is impossible to evaluate individual performances. It's possible that the finale, a carnival conga danced by Chaviano and representing her "return to show business," is intended to suggest that hope can survive a universe governed by self-indulgent, indifferent, quarrelsome and cruel humans. But if that is the message, it came too late.

Tierra Madre continues through Sept. 29 at the North Beach Repertory. Call 928-4860.

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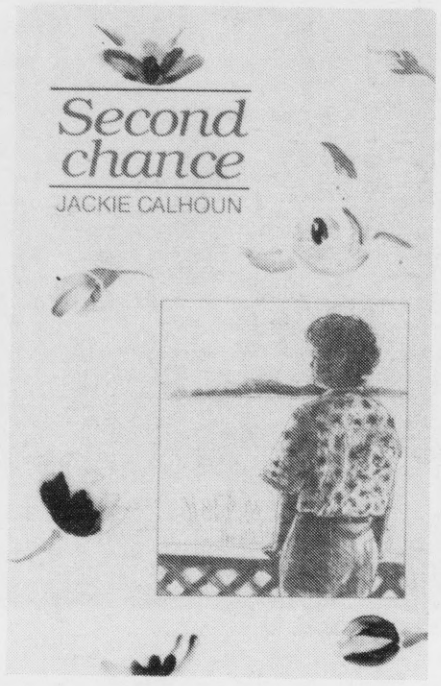


To borrow an image from one of its recent releases, Naiad Press is the ten-ton gorilla of lesbian publishing: What AT&T is to long-distance calling, Naiad is to contemporary lesbian fiction. So, in the spirit of Naiad heroines, let's forego the chitchat and dive into... this year's titles.

Naiad can almost always be counted on to make a dyke's dreams come true, fictionally speaking. The smiling, thick-tressed babe on the back cover of every title often brings us the story of a younger woman snagging an older (or vice versa), a student doing extracurricular work with her prof (wink, wink), or a gal of low station proving irresistible to one with bucks to burn. But this year she's outdone herself: She's found a tale that manages to combine all these themes with one every bit as compelling: celebrity sex.

In **Calling Rain**, Karen Marie Christa Minns not only weaves a story of love across class, age and blue-book barriers but also answers the question, "What would it have been like to sleep with *gorillapologist* Dian Fossey?" Well, Minns doesn't actually mention Fossey in her text, but she does dedicate the novel to her, and its primatologist love object has succeeded in tracking down Bigfoot, who turns out to be one of the last North American Great Apes in Washington State. Like all great works of fiction, *Calling Rain* raises intriguing questions beyond its central one. "Why," readers may ask, "did Fossey, a Kentuckian, not study the alleged apes of the Cascades, rather than settling for Rwandan gorillas? And why is this a book about bedding Dian Fossey, who was pretty weird, rather than the woman who played her in *Gorillas in the Mist*, Sigourney Weaver?"

That last is a fair question, but let's not be too hasty: It wouldn't surprise me a bit if future Naiads did slip average janes into the boudoirs of thinly disguised contemporary movie stars. And I'd like to point out the author's shrewdness in focusing on Fossey, rather than sister ape-student Jane Goodall (too blandly blonde), Joy Adamson of *Born Free* (too firmly established as het), or Margaret Mead (too chunky—see below). I also give Minns credit for defying a cherished Naiad tradition and modeling her not-very-happy ending after Fossey's real-life one, even though it is kind of depressing.

Readers who enjoy a book that, like *Calling Rain* leaves everyday life behind should take a look at **Zeta Base**, by Judith Alguire. It's set in Earth's future and centers on a triangle among the three protegees of a venerable science philosopher very appropriately named Antiquity. In this story, the students don't get to sleep with their teacher, but there is still much of interest, especially because their overlapping relationships are shadowed by the possibility of Earth's destruction—a tragedy that Antiquity is trying to convince the male power structure to recognize and avert. (Sound like any century we know??)

Speaking of imagination, Naiad has five new mysteries out. One, **Murder by Tradition**, is from venerable thriller author Katherine V. Forrest, and features her Kate Delafield, LAPD. I don't want to reveal plot details, so I'll just note the growing—and well-deserved—acclaim that Forrest is receiving from lesbian/gay and mainstream audiences alike. And she may have a protegee in Deborah Powell, who debuts this year with **Bayou City Secrets**: Its heroine, Hollis Carpenter, has a wonderful Southern wryness that makes this lesbian version of the classic hardboiled mystery a lot of fun. More consistent with Naiad tradition is Claire McNab's fourth Carol Ashton thriller, **Cop Out**, which offers comfortingly predictable plots and lots of familiar phrasing. On one page alone, characters "listlessly repeat" things, are "keenly aware of tension," speak "slowly and distinctly," have faces of "blotched redness," and find tears "spilling down."

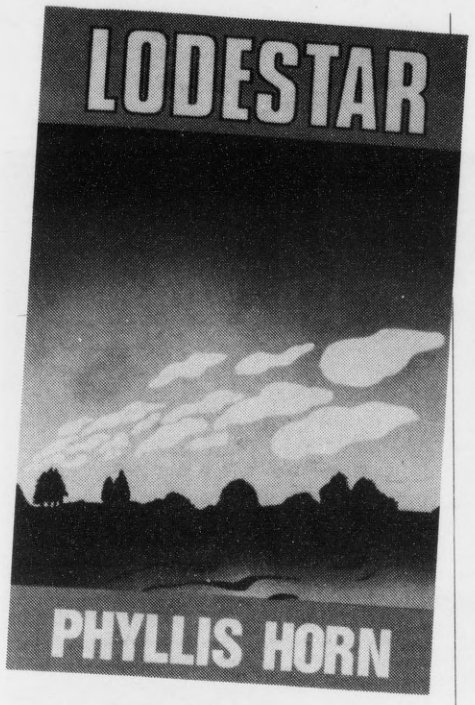
Amanda Kyle Williams (who's featured in black trenchcoat and matching Reeboks in a great back-cover photo) also proves a hold-out against newfangled writing in her latest Madison McGuire mystery, **The Providence File**. This novel doesn't toady to feminist liberalism and ambivalence about the Middle East: Madison is a CIA operative and makes no apologies for it! She's proud to help U.S. commandos make mincemeat of a bunch of terrorists who are stupidly willing to die for their cause and don't hesitate to attack innocent civilians. And, in a little author's note at the end of the book, Williams doesn't hesitate to admit that her villains are "extremely radical Palestinian terrorists." Sure, she adds that "all Palestinian groups are not considered radical and all Palestinians are not terrorists," but her novel makes clear just how she feels about most of those folks.

The other '91 mystery to date is **I Left My Heart**, by Jaye Maiman. As its title helpfully indicates (buttressed by the Golden Gate Bridge on the cover), this novel unfolds right here in San Francisco. And the author isn't afraid to take some artistic liberties with the City: She expands the Tenderloin south of Market to "Mission and Eight." But Maiman doesn't go too far with her artist's license. Her book opens in familiar Naiad fashion with the death of the heroine's lover, and readers have to go through all the usual worry before the heroine ends up happily settled with the first woman who attracts her after her tragic loss.

Just as important, the novel upholds another Naiad tradition, honored in all escapist genres: People of weight or color are almost always secondary characters, buddies or (in the latter case) quickies for the thin Caucasian protagonist. True to form, the only characters in *I Left My Heart* who appear to be people of color are a pimp and prostitute. (Or is Maiman subtly telling us that San Francisco's not as multicultural as we'd like to think?) But she does take a chance with Liz the "chunky" dyke—manager of, yes, A Different Light Bookstore—when she has her heroine admit, "Up close, she was really quite attractive." It turns out—and let this be a lesson to looksists—that Liz has great dimples, and is really jolly! Maybe Naiad is readying us for a future cross-weight relationship, at least among minor characters.

In most other ways, *I Left My Heart* observes prevailing Naiad standards: The heroine enjoys few money worries, has practically no friends, achieves absolutely frabjous first-time sex, is blissfully apolitical, and takes little note of the outside world. (It intrudes only when Lucille Ball dies.) The one departure from formula involves the first-time sex, which is deferred longer than usual by the fact of a mastectomy; luckily, the heroine has no trouble at all with the scar that makes her lover so self-conscious.

In another book that suggests the Bay Area is a lot less diverse than it seems, Karin Kallmaker's well-written, Oakland-set **Touchwood**, the one character of color—a lusty Latina, in conformance with stereotype—gets a lot closer to the Caucasian heroine than usual: They have some great rolls in the hay. But, as usual, when the time comes to get serious, our heroine focuses (well, this being Naiad, fixates) on the older Caucasian woman from whom she's been getting room, board and work since leaving the traitorous lover who used to support her. This book pulls no punches in portraying the earlier partner as a "sugar mommy," and shows its heroine growing into another kind of relationship, one in which the sugar mommy is closer to a biological mother's age. But there is a dissonant note of realism in the book: The older woman is hesitant to be made love to because she's not too keen on the latex and electric gadgets she associates with younger dykes. But she needn't have feared—Naiad characters almost never get involved with such



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Speaking of the real-worldly, I was interested to read a recent book review by Lee Lynch, whose most recent Naiad release is **That Old Studebaker**. She writes of another lesbian novel, "The story is at its most touching when it reflects the facets of common lesbian experience: adult children of alcoholics, gay male and straight friends, breast cancer, separatism, economic support of our community, celibacy, motorcycles, racially mixed community, cats, monogamy vs. non-monogamy, lesbian-centered vs. AIDS issues, the Michigan Women's Music Festival—the stuff of everyday life for so many of us."

I couldn't agree more—and couldn't help wondering what she makes of the Naiad oeuvre, or her own most recent title, for that matter. Set in 1989, but with a strange dated quality, it incorporates practically no aspects of everyday lesbian life, and lacks another key ingredient in the "touching" recipe, a likeable protagonist. Naiad heroines always ask us to like them on faith, as sister dykes—they're women of action not given to introspection or self-revelation—but I just couldn't muster more than pity for Lynch's protagonist. I know she was damaged by growing up gay and working class in a small New Hampshire town, and I know from experience that living alone and penniless out of the backseat of an old car doesn't bring out the best in one, but "sweet Andy" has the vitality and intellectual resources of a cinderblock. What a relief when a lively sidekick of color appears, even though Andy's too far out of it to break Naiad rules and fall for her! I don't understand: How did an articulate fan of fiction about motorcycles, cats and lesbian life's complexities end up writing about a Studebaker, a deaf dog, and an implausibly simple-minded heroine who has only the feeblest of connections to contemporary dyke experience?

Well, let's turn to an easier question, posed on the back of **Second Chance**, by Jackie Calhoun: "Can the love between Amy and Deb possibly withstand all the events conspiring to pull them apart?" Any Naiad reader knows the answer to that one, though I'm not telling the outcome of this tale of love between Amy, a small-business owner who's separating from her husband and children, and Deb, a schoolteacher who longs for a Porsche, Mercedes, or, at least, sailboat. Suffice it to say that their troubles don't end once they join the longed-for gay community, which—wouldn't you know it—features all too many would-be homewreckers.

Our community is, however, relatively benign compared to Enlightenment, the sinister commune at the center of **Lodestar**, by Phyllis Horn. This novel's heroines, who include a lesbian FBI agent (Naiad books just don't buy all that feminist suspicion of the feds), have much more on their minds than the pros and cons of flirtation. To make a shortish story shorter, they have to keep Enlightenment—whose residents are controlled by the lethal chemical Lodestar—from becoming another Jonestown.

The challenge they face is no graver, though it is more exotic, than the one facing the protagonists of Jeane Harris's **Black Iris**. Lovers Caroline and Jane have to organize Denver's gay community against the man who raped Caroline, who's been released from prison and is stalking her with murder on his mind. But he's not the only dangerous element in their lives: All that community organizing turns up some darned attractive women, who pose threats of their own to the couple.

In the midst of such excitement, readers might overlook **Benediction**, by *Redbook* editor Diane Salvatore, and that would be a genuine shame. This well-written novel slightly reminiscent of Naiad's blockbuster nonfiction hit *Lesbian Nuns*, tells the story of a teenage girl's coming out and coming of age against the backdrop of her traditional parochial school. It's so rich, realistic, and ambiguity- and ambivalence-tolerant that it just doesn't feel like one of the Naiad family. (This impression is strengthened by the fact that Salvatore's novel has an attractive cover rivaled only by Katherine Forrest's—a fact that suggests Naiad books can actually be judged by their covers. Beware the charcoal drawing and pen-and-ink sketch.)

This, then, is one girl's take on the current crop of Naiads. Did you notice me straining for words of praise? Are you wondering why someone who's totally unreachable during "Star Trek: The Last Generation" is making such a fuss over a bunch of frankly escapist books? Well, here's the thing: I'm just not comfortable with the fact that Naiad titles constitute so much of the lesbian fiction in print, and that so many of them, to be blunt, are flat, formulaic imitations of one another.

I don't type that judgment easily: It really pains me to describe other women's work that way. I know how fiendishly difficult it is to write a novel, and I know how many months of labor every Naiad book represents. And, even in this relatively liberal age, I know how much guts it takes to write an openly lesbian novel, particularly one with Naiad's minimum literary requirement of hot sex.

I also remember well what Naiad books meant to me when I was coming out as a teenager, when only Naiad and Daughters regularly published lesbian novels. I regularly cruised my recently opened women's bookstore for anything with "Naiad" on the spine, and was thrilled by early releases like Sarah Aldridge's *Tottie and The Latecomer*. I didn't care about their hilariously implausible plots and painfully awkward writing: I just concluded that if, say, a straight middle-aged attorney could find lifelong happiness with a scrawny teen runaway, I could probably find somebody someday. I read and re-read every Naiad title I could find, reassuring myself that women did, indeed, fall in love and into bed with other women.

In fact, they extended me the lifeline that the magazine *The Ladder* offered an earlier genera-

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C O D Y · S

OCTOBER EVENTS 1991

Diane Wood Middlebrook Oct 1. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Diane Wood Middlebrook will discuss **Anne Sexton: A Biography**, the first biography of Sexton's life. This is a model biography—fair, discerning, written with insight and compassion for the woman and the poet whose brilliance and intensity were matched only by her penchant for self-destruction.

Jonathan Kozol Oct 2. Wednesday. 8:00 P.M.
Jonathan Kozol has established himself as one of the most eloquent advocates for children in America. His newest book, **Savage Inequalities**, takes us into schools across the country, schools that are literally falling apart, where young lives are starved in body and mind.

Helen Palmer Oct 3. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Helen Palmer returns to Cody's to discuss the system of personality typology explained in her bestseller **The Enneagram**, recently released in paperback. This remarkable book offers sophisticated and profound insight into the mysteries of personality.

Jim Dodge Oct 5. Saturday. 2:00 PM
Jim Dodge, whose desserts have been featured in nearly every major food magazine in the United States, proves in his new book, **Baking with Jim Dodge**, that home-baked delights should be a simple indulgence. Inspired by a passion for American baking, Jim Dodge has made all our favorite treats, from brownies to strawberry shortcake, easier than ever to enjoy. Come hear and taste.

Ronnie Lott Oct 7. Monday. 7:00-9:00 P.M.
Ronnie Lott wears four Super Bowl rings, has gone to the Pro Bowl nine times in ten years, has been a key to one of the greatest football dynasties of all time, the San Francisco 49ers, and may be the hardest hitter who ever played the game. His penetrating autobiography, **Total Impact: Straight Talk From Football's Hardest Hitter**, is as powerful and direct as the man whom Dan Dierdorf calls "the heart and soul of the 49ers." Ronnie Lott will be signing only.

Tom Spanbauer Oct 8. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Tom Spanbauer's **The Man Who Fell In Love With The Moon** is an Old West epic for our own time, the story of Shed, a half-breed bisexual boy who makes his living at a whorehouse in turn-of-the-century Idaho. Shed's offbeat quest for his Indian identity becomes a larger-than-life tale, and a heartfelt meditation on sexuality, race, and man's relationship to the natural world.

Robert Bellah Oct 10. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Robert Bellah, co-author of the acclaimed bestseller **Habits of the Heart**, will discuss his new work of sociological analysis, **The Good Society**. In the tradition of de Toqueville, Walter Lippman and David Riesman, **The Good Society** takes a hard look at the social institutions that define our lives, and how these institutions might be transformed for our greater benefit.

Pat Holt and Hal Lipset Oct 15. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Hal Lipset is the most respected, yet seemingly also the sleaziest private detective in America. He has been defense investigator for such clients as Angela Davis and the United Farm Workers, yet he built his practice on chasing ambulances and photographing illicit couples in bed. Literary critic Patricia Holt investigates these contradictions in **The Bug In The Martini Olive: And Other True Cases From The Files of Hal Lipset, Private Eye.**

James Welch Oct 18. Friday. 8:00 P.M.
Critically acclaimed Native American novelist James Welch will read and discuss his most recent novel **The Indian Lawyer**. Through the story of a Blackfoot Indian lawyer caught between worlds, Welch examines the struggle of American Indians to balance their emotional & spiritual needs within a white culture.

Annie Leibovitz Oct 19. Saturday. 8:00 P.M.
Annie Leibovitz's unusually vivid and memorable style has earned her a place as one of today's most influential and admired photographic artists. **Annie Leibovitz: Photographs 1970-1990**, is a stunning collection spanning her first twenty years of work, published in conjunction with a major exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C. Annie Leibovitz will be signing only.

Dorothy Bryant Oct 20. Sunday. 2:00 P.M.
Dorothy Bryant, author of **The Kin of Ata Are Waiting For You**, and **The Confessions of Madame Psyche**, turns an ordinary day in the lives of ordinary people into a test of endurance, reality, and love in her hilarious and illuminating new novel, **The Test**. "When I pick up a Dorothy Bryant book, I know that I am not going to be...given useless effects and quick answers. 'Life' in her books is not cheap, but it is worth the work it takes."—Joanne Greenberg, author of **I Never Promised You A Rose Garden.**

R.A.Sasaki Oct 21. Monday. 8:00 P.M.
If communication is defined as a search for meaning, then R.A. Sasaki's short story collection, **The Loom and Other Stories**, is the record of such a search. Her stories capture some of the rarified beauty that was almost lost when the voices of Japanese Americans, both Issei (first generation) and Nisei (second generation) were silenced in America by the burden of shame imposed on them because of their ancestry.

Thomas Byrne Edsall Oct 22. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Washington Post journalist Thomas Byrne Edsall will discuss **Chain Reaction: The Impact of Race, Rights, and Taxes on American Politics**, which he co-authored with his wife, Mary D. Edsall. **Chain Reaction** is an incisive analysis of the political equivalent of a continental drift: the electoral realignment in which Republicans have won the White House five out of the last six times since 1964, leaving the Democratic party a toothless defender of the working class and poor.

Laura Davis Oct 23. Wednesday. 8:00 P.M.
Laura Davis, co-author of **The Courage to Heal** and nationally recognized expert on the sexual abuse of children, will discuss her newest book, **Allies in Healing: When The Person You Love Was Sexually Abused As A Child**. In this wise and compassionate guide, Davis offers practical advice to the partners of survivors of sexual abuse.

Susan Faludi Oct 24. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Susan Faludi will discuss **Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women**, her controversial and thought-provoking study of the "backlash" phenomenon, the subtle undermining of the progress made by the feminist movements. Faludi reveals the truth about the undeclared war against American women, whether in film, fashion, print or politics, and the truth is devastating in its implications.

Ray Bradbury Oct 26. Saturday. 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Celebrate Halloween with Ray Bradbury, grand master of science fiction and whimsical, outrageous fantasy. Bradbury will read from his classic, **The Halloween Tree**. Please note the time.

Leonard Shlain Oct 28. Monday. 8:00 P.M.
California surgeon Leonard Schlain explores the parallels in the evolution of Western art & science in his brilliant new book, **Art and Physics**. Schlain suggests that scientists and artists have received initial inspiration from the same source, bringing to mind the possibility of a universal mind from which ideas spring.

Harold Brodkey Oct 29. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Few writers have plumbed the vagaries of a mind in action with the daring and insight of Harold Brodkey. Now, in his mesmerizing first novel, **The Runaway Soul**, Brodkey introduces Wiley Silenowicz, and offers unparalleled intimate access to the inner world of another human being.

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BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

This Is a Nice Place For a Pick-up

I always rave about Klubstitute. I can't help it. Diet Popstitute and the family which surrounds him have engendered a creative, thinking atmosphere that embraces a broad spectrum of alternative performers, activist intelligentsia, and those who would be relegated to the land of misfit toys: squirt guns that squirt jelly.

Two years ago my feeling toward the Popstitutes was, "I don't choose to be around the Popstitutes. I end up around them." Now I consider myself fortunate to be part of their family.

I was wary of them when I first met them; I must confess to being a bit uptight at times. Back when my roommates and I were throwing the Page Boy parties there were few rules for admission to our parties: no Patio employees (tweaky troublemakers), no acid wash (no explanation necessary), and no Michael "Diet Popstitute" Collins.

An entry from my journal from July 29, 1989, reads: *Michael Collins was in another one of his amazing...stupors. I watched him from my vantage point on the balcony as he scanned the room for victims, carrying a ladle which I assume was full from the bottle of cranberry mixed with vodka which he was toting. He's so interesting. He was wearing the same party hat I've seen too many times before: Dino strapped to a glitter-covered hat. His scalp was covered with silver paint, and he had a hatefully hopeless glittering outfit on. He never ceases to amaze me. His interaction with me at the party consisted of a dazed conversation about* His *(not the Popstitutes'...) upcoming EP, and how he will be San Francisco's next Sylvester. He's such an egomaniac. I need to keep him in view so I do not fall prey to such self-worship. I really do enjoy him.*

Oops. Too Late.

Photo by Marc Geller

After blowing out human candle Ggreg Taylor, Phil Ford receives his birthday present from Diet at Klubstitute.

In Los Angeles people *do* things. In San Francisco, people *think about* doing things. And in New York they make other people think about what *they've* done.

Klubstitute provides an alternative forum available nowhere else in the City: access to people who *do* things. Going to the club is often like going to a twisted fair. Booths are set up for alternative designers, such as Off The Floor Fashions; 'zines, such as Tantrum and Three Dollar Bill (which named me the person they'd like to slap the most); and twirled sex astrology by Pendra, or Fangoria-based palmistry by Tony Vaguely.

Most nightclubs and bars exist for cruising and voyeurism. The new rash of house clubs such as Toon Town, Community and Mr. Floppy's provide fierce dance-your-ass-off-as-you-fry-your-brain environments. These clubs, though they have their place in the food chain, are not conducive to sharing ideas and creating community. Klubstitute is a hands-on experience, like a nightclub petting zoo.

But it isn't for everyone. Last Saturday the evening's lineup included Pendra, Kitty Litter and the Clipped Out Recipes, and Patsy Cline. The mixture in the lounge was more eclectic than usual. Now that it's held on Saturdays at its new location at Masonic and Fulton it has become much more accessible.

I'd never seen "suits" at the club before, but there they were in the corner watching Miss Kitty sing a heartfelt rendition of "Cry Me a River," an angst-ridden song of push-me-pull-you rejection. At a climactic point of the song, Kitty ripped away her pretty pink pinafore, revealing her carefully coiffed *secret special place* for all to view. Straight folk bolted from the audience.

Admittedly, sometimes the performers are not on this planet. Often the parade across the stage becomes boggling. The crowd, however, is always interesting, and the newly rediscovered lounge environment is conducive to table hopping and meeting people.

It provides an excellent opportunity to meet people who think and do, who challenge their environment rather than accepting their situation.

I have grown tired of the disco thrum which makes meeting new people so difficult, because you cannot convey thoughts clearly over the roar, often creating awkwardness. By creating a performance-centered atmosphere, Klubstitute provides a shared experience as a starting point for conversation and interaction.

Klubstitute reminds me of Club Uranus when it first opened and was fresh—relatively unspoiled by unappreciative gawkers and attitudinal suburban yahoos.

JEROME'S BIG OPENING

Gawking, however, was encouraged at San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, as drag queen and mod prim shock troupes descended on the museum's opening reception for

Photo by Marc Geller

Faux folk artist Jerome Caja reflects amidst the hubbub at SF's MOMA.

"Facing the Finish." Included among the 13 artists selected for the exhibition was San Francisco's lovely, lively petite powerhouse, Jerome Caja.

Lilting among the Chanel-suited crowd, Jerome was a vision of royal blue lace and lingerie, passing from one room to the next, followed by the unanswered stares of the gallery crowd Who's Who.

In her own room in the show, she took time out to roll on the floor, dance in circles, be heavily photographed, and suffer the undying adoration of her parade of fans.

Jerome's 48 pieces, which were hung with care, showed a mildly less controversial body of her work. Note when viewing the show that paintings such as "Alice Jacking Off Her Jack Rabbit" and other similar works with strong sexual depictions are hung above "child height." I love that.

Rena McDonald, Rona McDonald, Hostess Snow Ball, Justin Bond, and other glitterati passed through the crowd, making many of the museum-goers ask if the unusual "cultural diversity" playing out before them was part of the exhibition.

San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery Director Anne Meissner said that it was the most colorful opening the museum had seen in *years*, and the most exciting one she had seen since last year's drag-centric "Liquid Eyeliner."

Jerome's work is still very affordable if not underpriced. Collectors should jump now at the opportunity to own a little piece of Jerome, because after that opening, the Ladies That Lunch will be abuzz about her.

Naiad...

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tion of dykes. Published by the country's first lesbian organization, Daughters of Bilitis, *The Ladder* lasted from the mid-'50s through 1972—under the pseudonymous editorship of none other than Naiad Press co-founder Barbara Grier. I think of Grier—a brave, outspoken, tireless woman—as Naiad's greatest character. She's had to fight apathy and homophobia tooth and nail to make her publishing efforts available to lesbians all over the world, and she still spends hours daily building her massive mailing list and cajoling stores into buying ever more Naiad titles. She's dedicated her life to lesbian literature, and she's willingly shared her experience and knowledge with like-minded publishers.

But I think her success has, ironically, actually weakened lesbian writing in some important ways. For example, admiration for her decades of work and legions of readers is so great that many editors and reviewers hesitate to criticize Naiad books publicly. Scanning reviews, you'd never guess that Naiad—like every press—has printed its share of duds.

This near-immunity from criticism has protected Naiad from pressure to boost the quality and diversity of its titles, a process that publishers should engage in continuously, if carefully. Insulated from feedback, Naiad has interpreted the readership growth produced by Grier's energetic marketing as a mandate to "stay the course," rather than an opportunity to explore new directions. But the fact that lesbians will buy mediocre work in our eagerness for positive images of dykes and dyke sex doesn't mean that we wouldn't welcome more adventurous writing. I, for one, heartily encourage Naiad to use its impressive resources to identify new authors and overhaul the current editing process.

Why bother? Melodramatic as it sounds, because the future of lesbian writing is at stake. With Naiad printing so much of the lesbian fiction available today, many budding authors consciously and unconsciously fit their style and content to the Naiad mold: It's happened in every class I've taught and every group I've joined. Sure, some of us naturally write fiction about 200 pages long, with regular bouts of fast, great, easy sex and an ending that unites the slim Caucasian heroine with (a) the slim Caucasian partner she opened the book with, or (b) the first, second, or—in an unusually complex plot—third slim Caucasian woman she sleeps with. But a lot of women writing that way now would express themselves differently were it not for Naiad's dominance, and that saddens me. Until they're freed up, offered many other models, lesbian fiction just won't be as rich and powerful as it should be.

But responsibility for diversifying lesbian writing ultimately rests no more with Naiad than with the reader on the street. Those of us who want more than Naiad offers should make a point of seeking out and supporting lesbian fiction publishers like Firebrand, Seal, Spinsters/Aunt Lute, and Cleis, whose titles are fewer, but stronger. We should pressure mainstream houses to print good lesbian fiction, so that publishing opportunities and accessible role models proliferate. And we should, a la yesteryear, think about creating our own presses.

In the end, though, lesbian novels will only get better and more plentiful if we take a hard look at our escapism. I know as well as anyone the temptation to gonze out, to flip on the TV or buy the book with the thick-tressed babe on the cover, promising great sex scenes and a happy ending. But I'm going to try to linger longer in the fiction section of my women's bookstore—to consider buying more novels that don't feature the familiar face, that may be tougher going because I don't know where they're headed or who I'll meet along the way. Want to join me? We may not find apes outside Seattle, but I have a feeling some great discoveries lie ahead.

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Gay Men's Support Group opening. This group is designed to build inner support systems to promote self-acceptance. Meets on Tues evening in San Francisco. Intake interview required. Led by experienced counselor, over 12 years of experience. For information call George Noland, 661-9443. Individual counseling also available.

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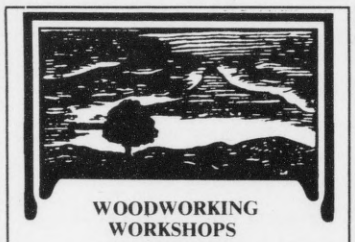

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I'm a creative, active, Jewish professional in my late 30s, bright, attractive, feminine and curious about life. I seek to meet a woman ready for relationship and discovery. I love walks, the ocean, San Francisco on a sunny day, film, the arts and stimulating conversation. I can lead as well as follow. I value adventure, loyalty, psychological sophistication and a wry sense of humor. I want to share companionship, gentleness, passion, laughter, children, family and a sense of play. I have room in my life for another and recognize the courage it takes to answer an ad. Please no drugs, alcohol or smoking. Reply BT Box SP16B or call ★★3570.

Shopping for Sister-In-Law
I'm a concerned friend of color writing this ad for my bestest friendgirl. She is a wonderful 5'4" attractive, full bodied, firm, very feminine, Jewish woman. She's extremely articulate, financially secure, great cook and down to earth with an unusually kind 13-year-old son. She'd like to meet a tall(er), firmly build, butch woman of color, sexually imaginative, honest, with kind nature. Must pass sister-in-law to be test. Reply "N" Box 3401 Oakland 94609 or call ★★3571.

Sweet Fem Seeks Sexy, Bossy Butch
This pretty, blonde, slender fem under 25 years old is searching for a dominant, possessive butch to play with. Please be under 6'0", 150lbs. Light S/M. I am mostly inexperienced. Hopefully, you are not.... My weakness is for light-skinned handsome brunettes, but I don't discriminate.... Photo please. Reply BT Box SP17B or call ★★3572.

?Hable Espanol?
Soy estudiante entusiasta de espanol (principiante) y desearto a practicar, conversacion, a correspondar y a devorar la cultura con personas genuinas y divertidas en espanol. !Ctaro que st! Porfavor escribir a PO Box 2724 Danville 94526-7724 o llamar ★★3573. !Muchos gracias!

Be My Lover....
Passion, sensitivity, gentleness, and an appreciation and enjoyment of the child in me...and you! Those are a few of my lover's qualities. I am a mid-40s, quite attractive, femme, professional, who is ready for an emotionally and physically healthy stable, monogamous relationship. I am an excellent communicator, I enjoy concerts/theater, and sitting or walking by the ocean. Listening to music is an important part of my life, I love dining out and talking about, as well as physically experiencing my love. Giving as well as receiving pleasure & nurturing is important to me. If enough of me and my interests match or interest you, please call ★★3574.

Seeking Friends... Perhaps More
My interests include books, film, philosophy. Your interests may be different and are many. Hopefully you are also attractive, slender and between 35 & 45. You are self-assured, emotionally healthy with no addictions. Please be caring, kind, strong. I am 36, femme, have a LabX, fireplace, am partial to parks, theater, museums, and that slow burn.... Reply 2215-R Market #253 SF 94114 or call ★★3575.

Gender Outlaw
I am a 31 year old, 5'8", 128 lb, soft butch, professional artist with strong competent hands, a sweet lean body, and boyishly beautiful face. My transsexual process is an adventure, a gift, and one part of a very rich personhood. I am not confused; I am clearly, nearly home and seek an openminded, compassionate girlfriend who appreciates the erotic-sexual healing potential of intimacy with a female-spirited boygirl being. My ideal partner would be slender, comfortable with emotional interplay, sharp-minded, quick-witted, a delight to the eye, irreverent, open to monogamy and nonsmoking. She'd love dancing, talking, toughing, lovemaking, pizza, my kitty and me. If I seem interesting but scary, take a chance; I'm very warm and so much more than these words. Call ★★3576.

Sensitive Caring Predator
seeks easy meat. Wanna be tied up and thrashed for hours, talked to nasty, slapped around, maybe even fisted (if I'm in a REAL good mood)? Drop me a line, girlfriend, and tell this bitch-femme why you deserve so much of her attention. Extra points if you like "public" (play party) scenes.... Still reading, slut? Maybe you have what it takes. Reply BT Box SP18B or call ★★3577.

Don't Believe the Hype
Okay, so I'm not Miss America, but I am a stable, insecure 29 yo interested in dating. I make great small talk but am at a loss for how to meet women. I live in the East Bay, but you'll never find Birkenstocks in my closet. Celebrity gossip, fine fiction & film, stupid cat stories & music with jangly guitars are some of what keep me going. What's your story? Call ★★3578.

Mermaid/Sea Lioness Sought
Dive professional/marine educator seeks lesbian companions for aquatic adventures and/or country/western two steppin' outings. I know there must be other underwater cowgirls out there, so don't be shy and write me a few lines. PO Box 7944 Santa Cruz 94061.

Life Partner
Wanted, but would not turn down a hot sexy affair if the chemistry is right. 36 yr old attractive, red head, physically fit, small breasted, intelligent GWF who enjoys her career, has lived alone and knows herself. I am ready for a long term committed relationship and a child in the next two yrs. I enjoy travel, dining, camping, hiking, all night lovemaking, living in the country and playing in the City. I am psychologically/spiritually minded but not obsessive. I seek a woman 30-45 yrs, of similar qualities, no addictions, light alcohol OK, financially stable, physically healthy and sex positive, for dating, adventures and maybe more. Call ★★3579

Sonoma County Kook 38 (look 37) looking for smart and silly, clean and sober woman to play with. I adore puppies; love Star Trek, Nick-at-Nite, gardening, trashy lesbian mystery novels; suffer career confusion and financial insecurity. I'm sort of average looking (totally cute), a '6' on the butch/femme scale, intensely introspective, warm hearted and emotionally available (really). Please no smokers, full time grown-ups, blissninnies or drama junkies. Reply BT Box SP19B.

Can You Boil Water?
Pisces femme, 45, looking for brainy butch who likes quiet, crazy women. Fire signs —who need a kind ear and a few other warm amenities, inquire. I indulge intellectual lubricity and admire sensitivity; you can tell me what to do so long as you don't really expect me to do it. I need a warm heart this winter in the East Bay. Reply BT Box SP20B.

Tired of Reading in Bed
Teacher, 27, looking for an intelligent, adventurous woman, 25-34, for sex and conversation. Of course, if we like each other, we can always get married. No smokers please. Reply BT Box SP21B or call ★★3580.

Feline Fun
Tall respectful butch (5'8"+, 30+ years old) sought by a beautiful, powerful blonde catwoman with a certain look in her eyes and a need to be petted the right way. Let's meet for dinner and wild, fun times. Not interested in cigarettes or alcohol but a few kinks in the tail are a definite plus. Call ★★3581

Are You My Daddy?
Headstrong femme slut seeks hot butch top with strong arm and big dick. Tell me you're gonna fist me, fuck me, tie me up and hit me, choke me out, cut me. Maybe I'll make it easy for you right from the start —or maybe you'll have to slap me around a bit first. But when you finally make me beg to be your little girl —oooh Daddy, I promise I'll be good. Reply BT Box SP22B or call ★★3582.

Fahrvergnugen!
Woman and car, together, looking for lesbians to share fun times (and perhaps romance?) Impulsiveness and crazy humor a plus... bonus points if you're politically Incorrect and a renaissance type of gal ...and... enjoy B-52's to Beattles to Bach. Lesbians working for HIV-affected people most welcome. Warm, outgoing (sometimes shy), free-spirited, creative, reflective, active, sometimes cynical, unpretentious, fun-loving lesbians ages 26-36 make yourselves known! Reply BT Box SP23B or call ★★3583.

Dear Zule
If you were looking past an iridescent fence at a field the field lordly and elegant and fond and bonny, a beaming green, you wouldn't be afraid of an ugly cut entrance. But what if you see no jolly green everlasting field. What if you only see me. (Am I not infinite and vivid.)

Have Library Card, Will Travel
Do you linger in bookstores, or Berkeley Horticultural? Love both travel and hanging around the house? Do you understand life with small kids? Play tennis or softball and watch the A's and 49'ers? If so, this well-read worldly single mom with a green thumb would love to meet you at Cody's, the Slims Tournament, or the playground of your choice. Reply BT Box SP24B or call ★★3584.

Attractive, Gray Haired, 43 Y.O. SF Woman
is looking for that special woman who would be open to dating, playing and romancing. Need someone who gives me space to be a bit neurotic at times. I am no saint —drink and smoke in moderation, work and play hard, but am healthy of both mind and body. Am an intelligent, honest, sensitive and sensuous person. Have varied interests and many friends. Could have a lot to offer. Let's not talk about commitment. Let's talk about now. If you're a woman of extraordinary heart, soul, passion, and humor, shouldn't we be enjoying each other tonight? Reply BT Box SP25B or call ★★3585.

A Rare Exception...
Friends I have and people I meet easily. Heads I turn when I go out. Then why this ad? Because I am looking for a special woman so far proven to be quite elusive, someone who is a reflection of me —a gay woman who stands apart from the crowd in terms of beauty, femininity, and elegance; a woman with high standards, who knows herself and what she wants, is content with her life save for wanting that exceptional lady, for whom she has also been searching among the crowd. If you identify with what I've said, are 30s, I'd be delighted to hear from you. Reply BT Box SP26B or call ★★3586.

Looking for Someone Other Than Myself
to bring me flowers. Generally professional, occasionally irreverent, intermittantly willful 27 y.o. seeks playmate to share late nights dancing, snuggles in front of the duraflame, thick novels, foreign films, romance, intrigue and adventure (skiing, scuba?). I love lipstick —you don't have to (but an affinity for women who do is a plus). I've got blonde curls —lots of them —and hazel eyes. My friends say I'm quite fetching. Reply BT Box SP27B.

Want Ad
East Bay woman, early 30s seeks women (30-40) for dating and socializing. If you enjoy weekend travel, dancing, dining out, or just relaxing, let's get together and have some fun. SF women welcome too. Call ★★3587

Still Learning
Middle-aged adventuress, reasonably well-adjusted, passionate about my work, life, friends and cats, seeks similar woman for fun and play. I'm a health care professional, outgoing and enthusiastic, new two-stepper (I like to lead), clean and sober, and unafraid of life's ups and downs. If you too are committed to personal and planetary change, have a spiritual path and seek to enrich your life with a relationship please call or write. Boxholder PO Box 460591, SF 94114 or call ★★3588.

Smiling Eyes
I am a 5'2", 34 y.o. friendly WF, brown hair, hazel eyes, with a captivating smile. I enjoy music (folk to soft rock), concerts, plays, cuddling, hugs, and conversation. My addictions are coffee, motorcycling and my dog. I live in Contra Costa (own my home), and am looking for someone to share coffee, walks, lifting weights, as well as the other arts with someone who can be a friend and maybe more. Ideally, a 25-38 y.o. nonsmoker, light drinker, professional, frequent hugger and not afraid to share feelings. Call ★★3589.

Just 40... Gemini
ME: my passions are dinner by coleman lantern in a mosquito-infested swamp, with sand in the

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crotch of my floral bathing suit with the skirt, on a cold wet rainy beach in Valdez Alaska; enjoy romping within the Tarzana Tarpits.... Love smokers, that ashtray taste turns me on and drives me wild!... Drugs and alcohol are a must to enjoy these shallow pastimes... YOU: enjoy inhaling paint fumes to break up your duramater. You don't take care of yourself, no therapy, no 12-steppers. You must have filed bankruptcy at least twice or have a substantial investment in an S&L in Texas... Your role model is Nancy Reagan... Love Harlequin novels, mud wrestling and Family Feud.... Both of us love American Gladiators Fans! Now that you've read the B.S... and you find it vaguely amusing, call or write. Reply BT Box SP28B or call ★★3590.

Yeah, Girl!
Are you a woman of color, single, looking for fun, romance, a possible partnership? Uh Huh!... Well, we are too! A singles women-of-color club now forming with monthly activities and upcoming holiday season "get-downs." First party and potluck Sat., Nov. 2nd at 7:00pm. All ages welcome. Women of color only! Reply PO Box 21141, Oakland 94620 or call ★★3591.

Show and Tell
Looking for a very attractive gay woman who can honestly show and communicate her feelings especially in an intimate relationship, and wants monogamy with that special person. Must have a good personality, and be likeable with a good sense of humor. Romantic and spontaneity would be great. If this sounds like you and you would like to meet someone the same, honestly, let's talk. Reply BT Box SP29B or call ★★3592.

I'm Ready
Can you advertise for a relationship? Can this be planned? Essential: humor, communication. Me: 35, femme, affectionate, communicative, arts lover, theater professional, nature lover. You: playful, aggressive in bed, butch, funny, confident, affectionate. Often present for unknown reasons in the weird chemistry of attraction: moderate sports fans, thinkers, sometimes shy types, Geminis. I don't really believe you can plan to fall in love. But, I do plan on following my desire, trusting my heart and being brave. Reply BT Box SP30B or call ★★3593.

Fledgling Bisexual
I'm 31, wacky, shy, creative, spiritual, ethically vegetarian, benignly iconoclastic, appreciative of cultural and ethnic diversity. My obsessions include: writing, theater, television, history, bookstores, animals, herbal medicine, food, jogging, jazz. I don't ski, backpack or ride rapids. I'm seeking emotionally and physically healthy, growth-oriented, aware, smoke- and drug-free bisexual or lesbian women for friendship, fun, affection, and possible sexual relationship. Reply BT Box SP31B or call ★★3594.

A Good Catch
GWF, 37, intelligent, kind, soft-butch open to sharing compassionate relationship. Available emotionally and physically. Casual westerner prone to jeans and boots seeks loving companionship for 2-stepping, 12-stepping, camping, birding, fun games, museums, movies, romantic interludes —more! Dirty hands in the garden and a dirty mind in the bedroom — I'm too good to let slip on by. References. Bondable. Reply BT Box SP32B or call ★★3595.

Dada Mama
Wild and free but centered poet/collagist seeks a hot girl who can also be a boy, for creative sex, surreal conversation, simple fun, lesbian inventions. I am: clean and sober and smoke-free, honest, smart, funny, passionate, androgynous, top/bottom, courageous, and (somewhat) available, and hope you are, too. Get wet at the beach? Be museum voyeuses? Bang a tennis ball around? Take a long hard walk? Talk dirty? Reply BT Box SP33B or call ★★3596.

Welcome to Dreamland
In search of genuine wimmin for friendship, love, wild laughter, sharing and let's not forget intimacy. I'm a fun and happy lezzie who lives in the City. I know a lot of Dykes here, but, alas, my heart cries out for I ove and laughter from beautiful, creative, fun wimmin I've yet to meet. The best way I can describe myself to you is that I'm early 30s, nonsmoker, drinker, etc., very attractive —fabulous smile, red hair, 5'1", interesting face with intense deep eyes, very positive, psychic, with a warped sense of humor. I also have strong butch hands, but yet I'm very feminine looking and I tremendously love intimacy. In fact, I have the perfect bod for a morning 'power breakfast' on top of being very 'Top' between the sheets passionately. I'm looking for wimmin with similar qualities as mine, who live freely, love themselves, and are happy with life. Let's meet... so we can share our new found secrets. Remember, extra points if your beauty extends into your heart and mind as well as your smile. Reply BT Box SP34B or call ★★3597.

Thoughts Unbound
Souls unleashed like a raging wind, pummeling our bodies, wet with the heat of fire/Into an Untamed storm/ Hair tossled, eyes that glow like burning embers/Electrical madness exploding every nerve in the sweet softness of the flesh/Thirsty for the wine dripping from the kiss intoxicating our minds/Can we survive the storm? Reply BT Box SP35B or call ★★3598.

Hot Times
What I'm looking for is good times and good sex. Something more than that is something that develops over time. Physical statistics unimportant —chemistry is the rare commodity, and we can't know that until we meet. I'm clean and sober and smoke-free. Absolutely no smokers. Common interests are exciting but so are our differences. Reply BT Box SP36B or call ★★3599.

Peninsula Woman
New in town, in search of intelligent life. Have

Shared Interests? Get a Free Personal! See Page 49.

Dykes To Watch Out For

Clarice Clifford and the Supremes
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HAVING AT LONG LAST GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL, OUR FRIEND CLARICE IS PREPARING ASSIDUOUSLY FOR THE BAR EXAM.
UNNNH!
PROPERTY
TORT
BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY
WHY? WHY DID I EVER WANT TO BECOME A LAWYER? I SHOULDA GONE TO COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL LIKE MY MOTHER SAID.
WHAT'S WRONG, CHICA?
KISS YOUR PRIVACY AND CIVIL RIGHTS GOODBYE. ALL THE LIBERAL PRECEDENTS OF THE LAST 25 YEARS... DOWN THE DRAIN. THE SUPREME COURT'S SENDING US BACK TO THE STONE AGE AND I'M GONNA BECOME A BEAUTICIAN.
HEY, COME ON! WHERE'S THAT FIERY RADICAL I FELL IN LOVE WITH? ARE YOU GONNA LET A FEW LITTLE SETBACKS GET YOU DOWN? SOON YOU'LL BE CLERKING FOR A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE! AREN'T YOU EXCITED?
UNNNH!
NO DANCING WITHOUT 6 STRINGS, PASTIER
HEY, IF THE BABY'S A BOY WE CAN CALL HIM THURGOOD, OKAY?
ANTONIA! YOU'RE NOT EVEN PREGNANT YET! BESIDES, HOW CAN WE EVEN THINK OF BRINGING A CHILD INTO THIS SOCIETY?
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT! IN 20 YEARS, YOU'LL BE ON THE SUPREME COURT, BABE!
YEAH, RIGHT. THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER WILL BE PRESIDENT. I'M SURE HE'LL BE EAGER TO APPOINT AN EMBITTERED, BLACK LESBIAN JUDGE.
WELL, MAYBE HE WOULD IF YOU WERE IN REALLY GOOD SHAPE. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE 'Y'? IN 20 YEARS YOU SHOULD BE PRETTY PUMPED UP!
UNNNH!
OR BETTER YET, SAVE YOUR MONEY AND BENCH PRESS THESE BOOKS.
OOF!
I KNEW THEY'D BE GOOD FOR SOMETHING.
FLUMP!
EVIDENCE
UNIVERSAL COMMERCIAL CODE
the MARKET PLACE
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HEY, GINGER! YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD. I HEAR YOU HAVE A NEW LOVE INTEREST!
YEAH HOW 'BOUT THAT?
GODDESS... A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP. HOW ROMANTIC!
I KNOW. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SEE HER HANDWRITING IN THE MAILBOX AND I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA BURST, IT'S SO INTENSE.
WOMYN BOOKS
JEEZ! AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN KISSED YET?
NOPE. AND WE WON'T TILL ONE OF US FINDS THE TIME AND MONEY FOR A VISIT. LISTEN, I CAME IN TO GET A PRESENT TO SEND HER. YOU KNOW, SOME FUNKY LITTLE THING.
WELL YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE! 'FUNKY LITTLE THING' IS OUR MIDDLE NAME!
VENUS OF WILLENDORF COFFEE MUG? NOVELTY T-SHIRT? ECOLOGICALLY CORRECT CANVAS SHOPPING BAG WITH OUR LOGO ON IT?
CARDS $1.00
I'M NOT A LESBIAN BUT MY LOVER IS
BOOKS
UH...
EROTIC VIDEO? STAINED GLASS VULVA FOR YOUR KITCHEN WINDOW? VENUS OF WILLENDORF BOXER SHORTS?
NEW OTIC IN NATURE
WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THIS STUFF?
WE'VE BEEN EXPANDING! IN FACT, THE STORE IS DOING SO WELL, JEZANNA'S HIRING FOR A NEW POSITION!
OH. LOIS MENTIONED THAT. SHE'S GONNA APPLY FOR IT.
YEAH. SO AM I. IT WOULD BE KIND OF A PROMOTION. I'D GET TO ORDER STUFF LIKE THIS, AND ALL THE ALBUMS AND TAPES AND C.D.'S.
I KNOW YOU KNOW
IMAGINE MY SURPRISE
DON'T DOUBT IT
LET'S FOLK
2 MILE GIRLS
IS THAT A PROBLEM BETWEEN YOU AND LOIS? IT MUST BE A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE, COMPETING FOR THE SAME JOB.
OH, NO! WE'RE ABOVE ALL THAT. JEZANNA WILL HIRE THE MOST QUALIFIED WOMAN FOR THE JOB. I'LL FEEL FINE ABOUT WHOEVER SHE PICKS.
AS LONG AS IT'S ME.

lover, need friends for coffee, walks, film, etc. Interests include feminism, leftist politics, 12-step recovery, reading, music, expanding myself, acceptance as a gay person. I'm an old hippie lost in a strange new world. Am somewhat shy, work evenings, so making connections hasn't been easy. Please write or call. Reply BT Box SP37B or call ★★3600.

Tired of Waiting

I know you're there! Sometimes I can almost touch you, but then you disappear again. While I've been waiting I've worked hard, learned a lot and now I'm ready for you. You are: 35+, average ht & wt (but definitely curvy); in recovery; beautiful (not glamorous), sort of femme, but strong and self-assured, smart, funny, romantic, active, truthful, warm, courageous, passionate, spiritual, real and comfortable with feelings. I am 40+, soft butch, gentle, smart, aware, good-looking, fun, loyal, woman-identified, sexy, sensitive and most of all —honest. I'm ready and willing to share my life and love with you. It's time for you and I to have it all! Reply BT Box SP38B or call ★★3601.

Fully Exposed

I'm bright, attractive, charming, modest, fun loving, emotionally and financially stable, affectionate, sensually and sexually present, and available. I am capable of loving deeply and passionately while maintaining my own identity. I'm down to earth, spiritual, loyal, lusty and energetic w/my voluptuous, strong, smooth-skinned body. I am a hot butch top and soft femme bottom for my hot femme top. I have great dexterity, agility, creativity, stamina, and desire to please my sweet and pretty lover. Please be able and willing to communicate about feelings. Be: open minded, healthy, have good oral hygeine, be ready to explore a romance, and eventually able to build a committed partnership. In addition to lovemaking I love making and listening to music, good movies, dining out, Grateful Dead shows, outdoor games, walks, massage, dancing, sharing with friends. Please be 30-50, introspective, non-allergic to animals, non-cig-smoking, no drug/alcohol issues. Call ★★3602.

Unabashed Size Queen

Looking for a woman with an extra large brain. I am a shy, intellectual, very hard-working, ethical dyke who tends toward existential crises. I have fondnesses for coffee, animals, sarcasm, ice cream, discussing any theory, NYT crosswords and the rest of life's treasures. I don't understand the butch/femme thang given that I see motherhood as epitomizing butch, and toughness as simple fear of vulnerability. If I'll never know what you'll say next, I'd like to meet you. Reply BT Box SP39B or call ★★3603.

This Fruit Is Ripe...

For good loving, including heart to hearts and the stimulation of idea highs. My pleasures include the theater/performance art scene, walking this great city and marvelling at the architecture, dining at all the "ethnic" eateries, discussing books, biking, tennis and above all laughing. I am near my mid-30s. On that ever present butch-femme continuum I probably rate a 6, on the outside, but on the inside, well, we are so complex and multi-sided, nu? All races welcome. No heavy users. Call ★★3604.

Butch Girl

with a family flair, a wild streak, and an open heart welcomes new friends and lovers. Well-directed, self-assured women with positive emotional and physical energy desired. Chemistry and spontaneity can't be planned but a daylight latte can. So— be bold and answer me soon. Call ★★3605.

On October 18, 1990

We decided to forget our differences and give our future a chance. Honie asawa-ko, you are the blessing I always wanted, but didn't deserve. We still have a lot of differences to overcome and they won't get any easier. I'm willing to go through whatever it takes for our life together. Tu Esposa Para Siempre —Jamie

"Dog" Seeks Other Dog, Rooster, Snake, Tiger or Ox

I'm friendly, warm, funny, honest, loyal and generally won't let you down. Mistreated or overburdened tho', I may mope for days, howl or snap, lose interest in protecting you/your stuff, and wander off, returning usually when reason returns to me. Otherwise I'm your most devoted companion. Exceptionally responsive to olfactory, aural and tactile stimulation— from heavy petting, stroking and up-front reckless eyeballing to nuzzling and heart-to-heart baying at the moon, regular grooming and tender handling, the frequent kind work and other unmistakable signs of affection— this handsome one-person mid-sized mongrel of Mediterranean-Gaelic mix loves letting loose on beaches, mountains, trails, the water, airports. Minor flaws: worrying, kvetching & doggedly pursuing an itch, bone or fly (idea, goal or dream) sometimes way past advisable. Major attributes: I listen attentively, return the ball (cooperate, do favors), learn new tricks (& share the many I know), come when called, am there for you. Tho' I do need my solitary walks & moments, I yearn to cross & join paths with one who catches drifts, walks with pride and dignified bearing, respects her needs & mine yet shares stuff (bones, pillows, dreams, a romp) & is not into dog-eat-dog behavior (i.e., only figuratively); enjoys outdoor & indoor adventure & pursuits, (parks, swimming & hiking... museums, crossword puzzles, plays, a good chin-wag by the fire, anywhere), is as industrious and alert as she is playful and kicked-back; who'll roam the neighborhood for ethnic chow, and near & far for B&Bs and R&R (nat'l. parks & abroad); who's in command of all her senses, is attractive inside & out (for mutual admiration and respect thru the years), and who's definitely agreeable to mutual back-scratching. Prefer someone mature (6-7 yrs), innately intelligent, easygoing and temperamentally balanced, dignified, gainfully occupied, romantic, energetic, with sound instincts (e.g., loyalty, reliability, trustworthiness) & good humor, and no smoky, hard-liquory breath; who wears her scars like a badge but is healed from her wounds. The Dog Days of Summer just passed, but don't let this moment! (OK, monkeys, unsloppy pigs and principled rats also welcomed.) Boxholder, PO Box 460825, SF 94146-0825.

Wanted: True Love

I love cats, sunshine, flowers, nature, New Age music, traveling, houseplants, laughter, dancing, tropical beaches, surprises, soft kisses, quiet romantic evenings. I am tall, slender, very attractive, long blond hair, feminine, 40. I am also warm, loving, easygoing, affectionate, perceptive, open minded, communicative, honest, dependable, intelligent, sensual, considerate, playful/serious, strong/gentle, adventurous, nonsmoker, with sense of humor. Seeking a serious committed relationship with an attractive feminine woman. We are both supportive and nurturing and ready and capable of emotional/sexual intimacy. We want a mature, healthy relationship with depth and growth. I have interests in personal/spiritual growth, holistic health and healing, horseback riding, whitewater rafting. Quiet yet friendly, ready for a life filled with beauty, fun, adventure and...you. Reply BT Box SP40B or call ★★3606.

Tennis Anyone??

It's been years since I've played (5 to be exact), but I love the sport and am looking for an ace to play tennis with. I'm competitive and fun (almost 30) and love a good challenge. Don't take advantage of me; that is, unless you're in the pros. Match me if you can! Reply BT Box SP41B or call ★★3607.

Latina Lesbians

I would like to meet new friends to speak Spanish with. I am 33, single, French woman who knows Spanish but needs practice—I could help you with French, or just be a new friend to hang out with. I like going to cultural and political events. I am clean and sober, NS, politically progressive. I also enjoy nature, the ocean, world music. If you are interested, Uama me por favor. Reply BT Box SP42B or call ★★3608.

Coffeehouse Cowgirl

During the day I'm a painfully shy 29 yo F/T professional, P/T student who loves intelligent conversation, good books, avant-garde culture & queer radicals with brains. At night, I love leather women, SOMA sex parties and the Corral. I'm Mojave-born white trash with intellectual pretensions and a hefty libido. I'd like to meet women who can relate (or are at least amused) by this. Reply BT Box SP43B or call ★★3609.

Let's Have Some Fun

GBF, 40, seeks women of all cultures interested in having a companion to do things with. I'm very flexible and enjoy everything from bicycling to ballet. If you're tired of spending your days or evenings alone because you have no one to share them with, call me. I believe that one can never have enough friends! Call or write and suggest an outing and let's get together. Reply BT Box SP44B or call ★★3610.

Cuddly And Friendly

40s Jewish professional woman looking for significant other. I am communicative, supportive, flexible, attractive, multi-interests, fun-loving. Also involved in the arts. Looking for similar available woman. Reply BT Box SP45B or call ★★3611.

Bi
BISEXUAL

Affectionate Man Wanted

GWM, 32, 170#, 6', blond, swimmer's build, nonsmoker, non-drinker, attractive, cleancut, affectionate, HIV–, domestic, swim daily, live in SF seeks GWM 25-40, cleancut, monogamous, low keyed, easygoing natured, non-smoker, non-drinker, HIV–, dark hair a plus! If you live in SF and want a relationship, call! All calls returned. Call ★★3631.

Submissive

29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long term relationship. HIV–. Send letler & phone to Reply BT Box SP300B or call ★★3632.

Bisexual Woman

40-year-old WM, international executive by day, would like to meet attractive bisexual woman for friendship and adventures by night. You are 20-35, bisexual, creative, politically incorrect, stable and non-drug user. Interest in travel and music a plus. Send serious reply and photo to Reply BT Box SP301B or call ★★3633.

Journey To Roissy

Accepting the most intelligent, mature, imaginative and sophisticated women for the tour of their lives. Only the strong can submit. Experience not required. 1099 4th St. Box 218, San Rafael 94901 or call ★★3634.

Bisexual Woman Wanted For Fun And Romance

Are you a feminine, pretty bisexual woman who's contented and happy with her life? Are you 35 or older? Do you live in San Francisco? Do you like men? Giorgio and Opium perfume? Do you know who KT Oslin is? Who Clint Black is? If you answered yes to most of the above, I want to meet you. Photo please! Reply BT Box SP302B or call ★★3635.

Girl Seeks Male Femme

Pretty, slender, 5'4" blonde, bisexual girl is deeply, hopelessly attracted to young effeminate/bi males. If you love alternative/industrial music, are feminine, slim, poetic, intense, interesting...Please respond. I have a strong preference for short hair, under 6' tall, 18-30 years old. If you are the right one, I will worship you. Please write. Let me kiss the lipstick off your lips...Reply 5856 College Ave., #122, Oakland 94618 or call ★★3636.

Lesbians Who

sleep with men, or want to—Let it be me. Hot yet safe to be with, politically incorrect feminist single gay/bi male, HIV–, wants to explore our private passions together. My place, your limits OK. Also willing to process. Reply BT Box SP303B.

Consider The Alternatives

In a world that tells us either/or, sometimes the best choice is both. Are you a woman who prefers not to live her life one half at a time? Someone passionate who values communication and honesty? We are a BI F (32, tall, blonde, curvaceous and playful) and straight M (31, tall, brunette). If you can imagine a life lived in balance as a life lived as three, then RSVP. Call ★★3637.

Is It Possible...

That you want the same, unusual thing? A relationship with dreams of children in the near future? I'd like to meet other wannabes for friendship or more. I am a 36 yr. old Jewish professional woman and a lover of nature, animals, theater, dancing and people. I am 5'2", attractive, athletic, analytical and yet spontaneous, profound and yet fun, comfortable both in dressing up and hanging out in sweats. I own my home in Santa Cruz and would love to share my hot tub with a special someone. I come to SF/Oakland frequently, work in SJ so commuting is no problem. Reply BT Box SP304B or call ★★3638.

Winter/Summer Backpacking

Non-sexual companion for winter and/or summer backpacking trips sought by bi man with 20 years' experience. You must enjoy ambling unhurriedly and scrambling cross-country in the mountains above tree line and be willing to tolerate some discomfort to get to inspiring places. Male and female nonsmokers with good sense of humor, Reply PO Box 7881, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★3639.

Androgenous Male Wanted

Young, interesting, pretty girl, desires bisexual male, 18-25 years old, for relationship no one else but us will understand. You are slender, smooth, sweet, kind of innocent...Please write, even if you're very shy. No masculine, or over 30-year-old men please! Reply BT Box SP305B or call ★★3640.

Submissive X Dresser

50 year young, 5'10", 160 lbs., smooth, clean, HIV–, oral expert seeks female to serve her and tongue her fragrant secret garden. Preferably in Marin or Sonoma. PO Box 11361 San Rafael 94912 or call ★★3641.

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Morrissey

Female, early 20s, dedicated Morrissey fan, wants to meet others who love Morrissey also. Reply: 5856 College Ave., #122, Oakland 94618 or call ★★3644.

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Young Sincere Guy

I'm kind of new to all this and I really don't like to go to the bars & clubs alone. I'd like to meet other young guys for friendship & more. I'm a 24 year old, Eurasian, collegiate-looking, athletic professional. I enjoy nights out til the wee hours as much as I like quiet evenings in front of the TV, as long as I'm sharing it with a special friend. Reply BT Box SP70B.

Only Friendships Need To Apply

Looking for friends? Two monogamous GWM, straight acting HIV negative mid 20's early 30's employed fairly new to area. Our enjoyments are: dancing, parties, weekends away, beaches, flea markets, and dinners home or out. If you (couple) are around the same age and are interested in the heart, no drugs or sex "friendships." What matters to us is that you (couple) are honest, sincere, understanding, happy, financially stable, positive attitude; and controlled drinkers, smokers welcome! Photo please. Apply to C.B. 440 S. Norfolk St, PO Box 113 San Mateo 94401.

Hawaiian ENFJ

28, 6'1", 180#, educated, successful, creative, exotic good looks. Spontaneous and humorous, into being fit (HIV-) new age & jazz, passion. Seeking nonconventional HIV-, lean, good communicator to explore The City's offerings, hang out at cafes, watch old videos, do the farmers' market, go off on whimsical road-trips. Pessimists, whinners, "straight acting" paranoid schitzos, go to next ad. Lovers of life and Sunday mornings, call me at ★★3651

Greek College Student

Will like to meet other Greeks or Greek-Americans between the ages of 20 and 28 for friendship. I am 22 years old. 6', 158 lbs and clean cut. I like opera, classical music, sometimes pop music and of course Greek music. I like snow skiing and tennis. Efharisto poli kai perimeno na akouso apo esas sintoma. Reply BT Box SP71B.

49er Fans

Masculine, bearded, straight acting, good looking, bi white male looking for bears or semi-bears to cuddle with while watching 49ers on TV or being discreet at Candlestick home games. I'm HIV-, clean, healthy, non-smoker. Get your ticket by sending facial photo and phone number to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009.

You Are My Asian Camera

And I am your Caucasian film. Maybe together we can develop an image of smiles. A snapshot of myself: GWM, 42, 5'8", 160, muscular, attractive, dark hair, moustache. Stable professional. Interests include dance, theater, outdoors. A snapshot of you: GAM, 23-35, proportionate build, attractive, curious. Our group portrait: we both are sensitive, romantic, passionate guys. Reply BT Box SP72B or call ★★3652.

Three- & Two-Ways/Dildoes, Tits & Toys

ME: GWM, 30/6'1"/175 lbs, blond hair and moustache, brown eyes, swimmer's build, 8' uncut, is looking, outside his relationship, for three-(or two-) ways for extended dildo/toy and tit play, with or without Vitamin C, pot and/or poppers. You(s): GWM, 30-45 years, reasonable to good physical shape, uninhibitied —interested! Reply BT Box SP73B or call ★★3653.

Mature Relationship

GWM, mid-peninsula, refined former professional, retired, healthy, lean, 5'8", above average looks, assured and solvent, seeking counterpart, sixtysomething, interested travel, theater, cooking, pets, books, music, movies, fine dining, and good conversation. Please be stable, confident, affectionate, healthy, substance free, ready for equal partnership, and have spiritual values. Mustache, cologne, and positive attitude is a turn on. Please send short bio/photo. Reply BT Box SP74B.

Looking for Mr. Right

This handsome, active 31 GWM is looking for romance. I love to explore the City. If you like to hike, bike, camp as well as do funky city offerings, and are as horny as hell, HIV-, and close to my age, then give me a call. Call ★★3654.

Brains and Intimacy

Accomplished, splendid man, 52, looking for younger, occupationally focused, financially secure partner. You: GWM, HIV-, trim, nonsmoker, capable and desirous of intimacy and monogamy. Brains, good conversationalist, sense of humor, lack of attitude, social skills, and lots of sexual energy are requirements. I am 5'9", 155, HIV-, primarily a top, goodlooking, fit and intelligent with advanced degrees. I love reading, running, travel and my family. I work as consultant, am a published author and a premiere companion with an exceedingly wide scope of interests and abilities. Reply Boxholder, Box 14546 SF 94114, or call ★★3655.

Oakland Gym Buddy Wanted

For workouts at Club Sport/City Center, via machines, weights, aerobics, track, raquetball, or squash. Prefer 3 times/week, any times or days OK. I'm 38, 5'10", 165, interested in staying fit, not buffed. Call ★★3656.

GWM Seeks GAM

I'm 30, tall, well-built and nice. I'm looking for an Asian guy in the South Bay who likes a masculine, bearded, assertive man who is also sensitive and sincere. My interests range from the simple to the exotic, and I love adventure. Write me with your photo or complete description! Box 720742 San Jose 95172-0742.

Bottoms Up

That's me. Hard and eager —that's you. East Bay GMB, masculine, almost 40, 5'4", 145, bubble butt needs verbal, seductive, single-minded top. Must relish being on top as much as I enjoy being bottom. Sex comes first, but don't be a Republican or a yuppie type, and be in reasonable shape. Safe only. Prefer HIV-. Reply BT Box SP75B or call ★★3657.

Catholic Sex Acts

Recovering altar boy seeks accomplice to commit multiple venial sins with the lights on. Me: GWM, 41, 6', 160, mustache, average build and appendages, HIV+. Looking for relationship with man 35-45, also HIV+. Particularly interested in men who, like myself, are versatile, primarily bottom-experienced, but who have a strong (but shy), closet top element in the personality that's looking to put the other guy's feet on the ceiling for a change. Let's get on our knees (and hands) and practice till we get it right. Reply with photo much appreciated. Will return with same. Reply BT Box SP76B or call ★★3658.

Hungry Cock Slave

seeks edible top. You must be extremely well-developed, muscular, handsome and hairy. You must be HIV-, as am I, and fastidious about SAFE SEX. I am not interested in the details of your life, rather the inventiveness and power of your eroticism and your ability to sustain it. Call ★★3659.

Paixao, boa sacanagem e tesao

Brasileiro: I want to know you, spark fire, sweat toda a noite. Your look arrests me —the disarming smile, penetrating eyes, tropical ease. You're sophisticated and wild; sexy, masculine, natural. You take care of your body; avoid cologne, nicotine, and other chemical repellants; and exercise your mind. You're gifted yet unpretentious; self-assured without being self-absorbed. You're looking for an exceptional partner and, like me, you enjoy contrast—our different colors, features, languages, codes, and cultures excite you. Eu: castanho, olhos azuis, boa saude, nao feio, trinta e seis, divertido, artistico, carinhoso, masculo, aventuroso, quente. Like you, I work, play, love and experience the world apaixonadamente. It's time for our paths to cross... onde e voce, meu amigo? Reply BT Box SP77B.

Creative Spiritual, Musician

Pianist/accompanist, "born" teacher, composer, improviser, singer, INFP/artist-type, reciprocates highest musical/interpersonal ideals. Music is my best friend, but I'm open to finding some worthy "competition." Important: friendship (first), self-aware, intuitive, creative, balanced, not paranoid, wise/mature, adaptable, thoughtful, caring, devoted, HIV-, traditional values, communicative, integrity, love of self/others/nature/beauty/animals, philosophical, honest. GWM, 43, 5'7", 125, PO Box 1551 Cupertino 95015 or call ★★3660.

Diver Pilot Sought

GWM, Hang IV, So. Cal. transplant, miss thermal flying, can't take Funston. Looking for a flying partner who knows the local & not so local sights. I can't be the only gay pilot around here! I'm tired of hanging out with terminally straight guys when I go flyin'. Write Box 460371 SF 94146-0371 or call ★★3661.

Are You Chubby?

WM, 45, beefy, hairy bear, looking to meet sincere masculine, sexually versatile, chubby guy 25-40 for friendship leading to relationship. Send photo if possible. PO Box 1714 Daly City 94014 or call ★★3662.

Masculine & Bright Man Seeks Involvement

With a man defined not only by his virile (not macho) demeanor, but also by his genuine self-confidence which makes him strong in character while also sensitive in nature. I am masculine, intelligent and handsome GWM, 32, 5'8", 140, brown hair, green eyes, moustache, professional, with defined gymnast-muscular build (which you need not be), HIV+, seeking emotionally mature mate for monogamous relationship. I am and enjoy a man who knows that intense raw sex sessions can mix with romance, one who has lived more than theorized; someone who cares about others and himself. A man who has learned that honest communication is essential to any relationship and that what builds trust is the adult approach of both involved. I offer and cherish sense of humor, commitment and respect. I have conservative taste but liberal

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outlook. My interests include: stimulating conversation, traveling, reading, good music, psychology, weekend trips, long walks or drives, movies, dining out, evenings at home. Sincere replies only, please. Your returnable photo and letter gets mine. PO Box 14063, SF 94114 or call ★★3663.

Silicon Valley Daddy Bear

GWM computer professional, 45, 5'9", hunky 200#, beard & mustache, hairy all over, seeks horny buddy, 18-20s, slim or hunky, 5'11" or under, for good safe sex, snuggling, and long-term friendship. You'll meet my lover (we don't live together), and the three of us might do some things together. Other interests: classical music, woods & beach, good movies, an occasional bad movie, square dancing, Asian food, travel. Reply BT Box SP78B.

Husband Material

Gentle, romantic top looking for my soulmate to cuddle with on these cool autumn nights, to wrap you in my arms and tickle your neck with my moustache. This handsome, masculine GWM is 46, 6'4", 195, with short dark hair, balding, tanned, hairy, uncut and HIV-. Combines a Castro/SF Eagle appearance with a mainstream suburban/City lifestyle. A management professional, non-smoker, home and relationship- oriented, with an irreverent sense of humor, a positive gay self-image and solid spiritual and ethical values. Interests include travel, sun and swimming, musical theater, video, piano playing, gardening, bicycle riding, great conversation and plenty of imaginative safe sex. Want to learn Country Western dancing. Looking for a committed, mutually nourishing monogamous relationship. I have a wide-ranging taste in men, but cute little guys really drive me wild. Others also encouraged to reply, with photo, to PO Box 4755 Walnut Creek 94596

Physique & Commitment

Intense, lustful, professional, physical man, 40, 5'9", 180, solid physique, seeks similar health-minded grounded man for dating relationship/potential committed monogamy. We've been through the carefree, hedonistic '70s and are ready to explore and further develop our Real Stuff as men of the '90s and beyond. I'm a gregarious, "put it right out there guy" —a complete giver who seeks the nouishment and mutual support of a man who's ready for a true complete male relationship. One that's based on integrity and truth. But let's not forget our playful, adventurous side. I work hard to play hard and want you to feel freedom of spirit to be you, the you that you know you truly are! Reply with photo (I guarantee its return) to Boxholder, PO Box 460585, SF 94146 or call ★★3664. Let's go for it, guy! We both need to give to one another.

Young, Blue-Collar Worker

needs noontime refreshment in India Basin area. I'm white, fair, average build, big dick, 30 yrs old. I seek guys any race (but special lunch box treats for Latins and Asians) around my age up to mid-40's for hand deliveries in front, heavy deliveries in rear, safety sealed only. C'mon baby, heal my break-time blues. Call ★★3665.

Closeness

I'm a bright, tall, slim, healthy HIV+, 32-yr-old GWM. Busy with a well-paying job I love, good friends in every flavor, and a new home by myself. After 10 years with a lover and almost two years single, you can imagine how much I miss closeness. Sex is important, no question. But it's the afternoon naps/snuggles, the rainy day video classics in b/w, and Sunday mornings awash in sunshine, bedcovers and newspapers that nourish my soul. In the meantime, there's tennis, travel, good food and film to get me by. So here goes: I'm looking for a focused, friendly, and financially self-contained man, 25-45, any race who's short on closeness too. Photo with letter appreciated. MPC PO Box 591238, SF 94118.

East Indian Seeks Long-Term Companion

East Indian gay man, 27, 5'9", 170lbs, professional interested in literature, devotional singing, meditation, looking for household relationship with professional man 25-35 who is caring, loving and compassionate, likes indian food, music and culture, handsome and masculine. I love to cook and entertain, and create a lovely home environment and am looking for someone who believes in a long-term relationship. Please reply with photo, phone # and detailed letter. Reply BT Box SP79B or call ★★3666.

Relax in the Country

Lay back in the sun, enjoy excellent views, superb food, good music and great sex with easygoing going guy at secluded ranch in the foothills. And, for a change of pace go swimming in a private lake, bicycle along a quiet road, or hike among mature oaks. GWM 56, 5'11", 170lbs, HIV-, good looking, great body, semi-retired wants to time-share with guy living in the City. PO Box 2541 Gilroy 95020 or call ★★3667.

Seeking Ripe Pussy Butt

Studly BiWM top, 38, 5'9", 180 lbs, solid buffed muscle fox wants to service *actively* submissive butt guy for steam sessions. Only quality, nonfeminine gym-regulars need reply! Be honest, guys! Me: a superbly hung, giving top, really hungry to service pleasure-oriented ass boys who crave that ongoing intense connection with a nongay dominant dude. Photo a must! Reply Boxholder, 460585, SF 94146 or call ★★3668. Spread your legs for me, Buddy!

Bear Seeks Bear/Bear Seeks Bear

Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Do respond to: Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3669. Do respond to: Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3669.

Fat Bottoms Wanted

Let this 5'11", 195 lb good looking guy worship your fat body, the bigger the better, respond soon, waiting for you, don't forget your picture. PO Box 21084 Oakland 94620.

For Hefty Men

GWM 55, 6', 170# seeks above to share a comfortable life. Interests: travel, skiing, bridge, piano and usual cultural events. Sexuality: HIV-, J/P, FR A/P, adequately equipped. Needs: GWM who is independent, sociable, employed, HIV-, average to heavy build. Reply Boxholder PO Box 255, 633 Post St, SF 94109.

Fly With Me

Airline employee working for major carrier interested in meeting other travel industry employees for travel anywhere or just hanging out in the Bay Area. I'm 30, clean cut, very straight looking, young at heart and love spur of the moment travel. Inflight, ground operations and travel agents especially encouraged to write. Reply BT Box SP80B.

All-American Stud

(Does this type of blatant self-promotion really fool anyone?) 6', gym-torqued (why stop when you're on a roll?) blond boy (29)(HIV-), looking for fit, smooth black/latin pen pal (uh-huh). Hip-hop. Ice caps. 550s. Carl Lewis. Anthony Lewis. Richard Lewis. Jerry Lewis (NOT). Lewis and Clark. Dwight Clark. Lark Creek (Give me that one). If you have any idea what this means, I'd really like to know with a photo and letter to BT Box SP81B or call ★★3670.

Bay Area Top

GBM 42, handsome, professional, average build. Interests include but are not limited to weekend getaways, beach, long walks, cooking, movies and sharing home life with someone special. I want to meet GWMs who are greek-passive, over 40 yr old, clean-shaven, and have hot sensitive tits, for a relationship. Give me a call and let's see what develops. Call ★★3671.

Gay white male polyglot seeks either a native Slav to teach me his language for lessons in English or German, or Slavophile who is interested in INTENSELY serious studying and conversation in Slavic language, preferably Russian. I have familiarity with Russian, Polish and Czech and you should not be an absolute beginner. If interested, write: Boxholder, PO Box 281103, SFO 94128-1103.

Slim Chinese or Viet Lover Wanted

Sincere WM, youthful 41 years, 6'2", 170 lbs, trim, blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV- seeks slim or skinny Asian 20-36, for boyfriend or lover. I'm affectionate, nonsmoking, good listener, mental health professional. Plus if you are foreign-born, not into bars, warmhearted, enjoy some exercise. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Good Bottom

30 yo, 5'9", 150 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, with great buns & hole for your man tool. 25-40 yrs. Call ★★3672.

Hot Bottoms: This Is For You

Me: 5'10", 170# very attractive, financially secure, and have a lot to offer; you: HOT BOTTOM. Photo a must. PO Box 21084 Oakland 94620

Intelligently Reasonable

Or reasonably intelligent suburban-bred, gym-built white boy, 6', 155 lbs, BL, blue eyed, early 30s, HIV- seeks smooth Asian stud 25-35 for Latvian Goat Yapping, post-Cubist finger painting, and Greco Roman wrestling. (Okay, not really.) A movie, a hot dog (not what you think) and some chocolate chip cookies would be fine. Send photo & letter to BT Box SP82B or call ★★3673.

Mutually Masculine-Mannered Muscular

Moustached Mediterraneans. If you're attracted to sexual tops (I'm affectionally versatile) with more than a little arrogance to their credit, and you're capable of writing an informational letter: continue reading. I'm definitely one of the handsomer and better equipped bachelors in SF area, but I have extremely high standards including integrity, honesty and candor — risk nothing and you get nothing. My interests are primarily cultural, including contemporary art and architecture, most non-commercial and historical forms of music (generally vocal and acousitc) and horticulture; however I'm relatively masculine for an openly gay male with these interests. (I support diversity, but find flamboyance and carelessness to be extremely unattractive, sexually.) I rarely watch television (I'm a radiophile) but enjoy comic video. You needn't be knowledgeable in my fields of interest, but must be concerned with social justice (for people besides white gay men with well-paying jobs) and the environment. I'm attracted to men with medium to slightly stocky builds who aren't afraid to seek what they want and who have an generous (regardless of your finances) nature. I'm not bound to any job or town, but I enjoy the climate, early wooden buildings and Redwoods of the northern California coast. Replies without visuals or complete names and addresses will be tossed into the recycling bin. PO Box 460662 SF 94146.

Male Sale

Special this month: 32 year old, career-oriented, attractive, physically fit GWM with varied tastes ranging from Doris Day to Kathleen Battle, Theatre Artaud to the opera. Looking for men, 25-35 with a sense of humor and style to share nights on the town, quiet times at home, or anything in between. Reply BT Box SP83B or call ★★3674.

Very Hairy Butt

I would like to find someone with a big dick to fill my hairy butt on a regular basis. Me: 40, 5'8", 145. You: have a big dick and want to give it to me when I need it. Please no bull, we all know what a big dick is and it is not 6". Call ★★3675.

Let's Go For It

Young 42 GWM, 5'8", 170, blond, European, sincere, sensitive, caring and nurturing yet masculine and assertive, multilingual, professional, playful, HIV-, a regular guy with many interests, seeking a man outside of the gay scene. You: 25-50, any race, masculine, smoke and drug-free, HIV-. Willing to build a genuine and stable friendship, possibly more. Call ★★3676.

WET

your pants w/me. Sound like a great start? A full bladder gets my juices going. Only instead of pulling it out, I leave it in and slowly release. Wow, what a sensation! Anyone out there like me? I'm 35, 180#, handsome, masculine GWM into the outdoors, hiking, exercising, reading, music, and spirituality. Reply BT Box SP84B or call ★★3677.

Friends to Lovers?

Sensitive, kind, gentle, cuddly, well-traveled and well-educated are good descriptions of me. I'm Chinese, 44, 140, 5'4", HIV-, professional and live in SF. Interests are classical music, reading, long walks or drives out of town, romantic dinners and quiet times by the fireplace. Looking for other compatible GM who wants to start being a friend first. Relationship is great if it works out, but not necessary. Tobacco and drug free please. Reply BT Box SP85B or call ★★3678.

Very Special

Outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous, powerful, assertive, but very warm, sensitive and loving mature HIV- Hastings Law student in wheelchair with slight speech impediment (like Christy Brown in "My Left Foot" but I don't look like him) invites a young, fun-loving, spiritual, athletic, sensitive, monogamous guy with a big heart and high self-esteem to share love and happiness. I am caring, tanned, handsome and fun to be with. If your life is together and you're not fearful of a wheelchair, you'll be more than happy with me. If possible, send picture and phone number. Thanks. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★3679.

Head Hunter

Sensual, mutual oral workouts with lean, friendly, masculine WM HIV-, 47, 5'6": city dweller. I've a smooth exercised washboard physique, handsome 7" cut cock & above average good looks: freckles, dark eyes and (thinning) hair. Bright, affectionate with an upbeat attitude and a goofy sense of humor. Seeking HIV- WM my age or younger, very well hung (8"+) in shape for recreation, possibly more. Especially hot for exhibitionists. Call ★★3680

Intimacy with Passion in East Bay

I would like to meet a man around my age (I'm 35), who is interested in dating. Dating would include: having fun, intimacy, and passionate sex. I'm not looking for a long-term relationship at this time, but want more than sex only. I'm sensitive about racism and sexism, am a vegetarian, like the outdoors and dancing. I'm handsome and work out regularly. Reply BT Box SP86B or call ★★3681.

Monogamous Kink

Tall/lean Nordic type, swimmer's build, prof. guy, masculine, 30s, HIV-, versatile but mostly top, pierced, wants nonsmoking buddy for growth-oriented relationship with adventurous, imaginative, intimate and fun (leather) sex/SM. Wanna go exploring/spelunking? Novices welcome. Buddy should share my fitness commitment (early to bed/early to gym) & relationship interests. Reply BT Box SP87B or call ★★3682.

If Monogamy Is a Fairytale Come True

why are there so many guys in this paper in their 30s and 40s still looking for it, or claiming to be? AIDS certainly isn't a reason. It doesn't endow us with the skills, temperament, or willingness to maintain these relationships. It's a nice fantasy, worth trying, but research shows and everyone knows that sooner or later, no matter what, most gay couples seek outside intimacy. If you've reached this understanding, why not consider friendship with someone like me? See "Tall, Attached, Seeks Romance" below. Reply BT Box SP88B or call ★★3683.

Tall, Attached, Seeks Romance

GWM, 38, 6'4", 150, brown, partially bearded, HIV-, in-shape, masculine, refined, romantic, imaginative, intelligent, health-nutty, nonsmoking, artist, play piano, like cats, trees, Stravinsky, working out, desires on-going safe-sexual friendship (not primary-partnership) with understanding or similarly attached man. Be 30-46, nonsmoking, HIV-, any race, height, but in-shape with something in common with and appreciation for someone like me. Your academic or career accomplishments aren't important to me; character, sensitivity, communication are. See above ad. Respond, photo appreciated/returned. Reply BT Box SP89B or call ★★3684.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs, seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like baseball biceps, pecs, veins, definition, armpits. Black and Asian muscles a plus. All narcissistic types in need of worship will get devoted attention. Also into watching an exhibitionist in gym gear, briefs, etc., work his bulging crotch. PO Box 426655 SF 94142.

I Aim to Please

Bought a new riding crop last month in New Mexico but I've never used one. Congenial guy, bald, mid-50s, dark beard, moustache. New to this scene but eager to give you the treatment you want, need and deserve. Describe your attraction and we'll get it on. Powerplay/punishment/puresensation? Drillsergeant/ highway patrolman/sternbutlovingparent?? Photo and phone to: Boxholder, PO Box 460305, SF 94146.

Love?!?! What is Love?

Lust will do just fine with me. A great looking, sexy, sensual, intelligent guy to share my bed once or twice a week would be ideal. No big emotional thing. Just two adults who have needs but are not slaves to the notions of "commitment," "monogamy," "romance," or a life "together." Socialization says "Get married." Why? I'm 6', 170 lb, brown hair, green eyes; fun, uninhibited, happy, creative. Not looking for sleaze, but pleasant, safe sexual relations with one man who is not defined through a boyfriend. "Dark and handsome" men are encouraged to respond. Intelligent conversation and tactile enthusiasts are appreciated by me. Reply BT Box SP90B.

Goodlooking GBM, 27, 5'7". Sincere but shy. Enjoy reading, airplanes, B&W movies, Anita Baker, Sade, Johnny Mathis, Franco De Uita, Chayenne, Gibrann, Garibaldi, driving, the outdoors and hiking. Seeking friends, maybe more. If you are interested just in muscles and sex, don't bother responding; if you are honest and want to make good friends, please do. If you are healthy and under 45 and live in the East Bay, Reply BT Box SP91B.

Older Seeks Younger

Very goodlooking GWM, 6', 170 lb, HIV-, dark hair, blue eyes, 42 yo seeks one special man to grow young with. Seek GWM 25-35, total monogamy lifemate. Enjoy quiet times and each other. Reply BT Box SP92B or call ★★3685.

Always Horny 19 Y.O.

Hot GWM, 19, 6'0", 165, brn/blue, smooth chest, no facial hair, gym toned —5 days a week— nice tan 9"x6" (no b.s.). Has modeled for Macy's, Bullock's in past. HIV- seeks hot, clean 18-25 y.o. with smooth chest. Turn ons: oral, u/c, brains, deep throats, new movies, rock music. No photo (nude), no reply. Reply BT Box SP93B.

Nice Ad

My friend told me to place a "nice ad" so here goes: I'm a GWM, 27, 6'2", dark hair and eyes, 185#, in good shape. I'm attractive (many people have told me so), have nice hair and a nice smile. This intelligent, friendly, easygoing guy enjoys quiet evenings, working out, movies, eating out, good conversation, other fun times. If you'd like to meet a nice guy and you are cute, under 32, and in good shape, drop me a note or give me a ring. I'm waiting... Reply BT Box SP94B or call ★★3686.

Lovable Hunk

I am handsome, Harvard-educated, financially secure and emotionally in touch. I would love to find a lovable hunk to share physical pleasures, intellectual excitement and emotional support. I am 5'8", 175 lbs, 38, well built and lift weights regularly. Would like a well built man, on the beefy side, preferably into bodybuilding too. My other interests include reading, concert-going, nature outings, travel, gardening. Would like to share these and more with the right man: a muscular hunk, with a mind and a soul. Where are you? Call ★★3687 or write Boxholder, Suite 1161, 41 Sutter St, SF 94104.

Spiritual Warrior

wanted in Sonoma to share cool river nights in my flannel sheets. I've outgrown adolescent boys. Want a soul who feels, has compassion for himself & others, communicates, combines sex/intimacy, has recovered from addictions, and is psychologically aware. Want to meditate together, share from the heart, make fun of ourselves, & create rituals & community. You've already been in therapy, & don't take yourself too seriously, do work you love, & have embraced your shadow. Photo & past life vitae. Box 471, Monte Rio 95462.

Well-Hung Versatile

Goodlooking, fit, WM, 43, 5'9", 165#, smooth, hung (cut), experienced & versatile seeking goodlooking, well-hung, kinky-minded studs for mutual regular dick service & assplay. Am HIV+, healthy & play 100% safe. Into sensual & erotic FF, toys, and particularly turned-on to guys with hot mancunts. Am busy professional and not into bars. If we click, we can talk about it, eh? Photo appreciated & returned. Box 640084, SF 94164-0084.

Not Your Typical Swashbuckler

46, strong, sunny, lean, calm, well-put-together in appearance/thought/action, inquisitive behind a steel exterior, young face, eyes that smile. Looking for breezy pal to share plain truths, maybe momentum, maybe tenderness. Be lean, well built, manly, wholesome, shrewd, HIV-. Objectives: a practical poem, a discrete exhilaration, an ambling time, and, ah yes, the inscrutable hormonal lilt. I, myself, am the sort of swashbuckler to leap grandly with a wave and land squarely on a real stage, but am not an actor. My sweat is real, my pulse aerobic, my voice quiet. And you? What reasonably ideal story should this ad unfold for you? Skillful mildness, maybe? Artful simplicity? Tacit warmth? Here's hoping a terrific fellow replies. Answer at BT Box SP95B or call ★★3688.

The Real Thing

To live your life well, Sam Keen says, is to go from living out your myth unconsciously to living your autobiography. I'm a handsome 39 y.o. GWM coming through this transition. I want a relationship with a like-minded, HIV- man of vitality and depth. I'm articulate, fun, affectionate, strong, psychologically and emotionally healthy, a versatile and passionate lover, a daily meditator. I'm 160 lbs, in shape, blonde/blue. Please write (include return address). Photo requested. Reply BT Box SP96B.

WANTED:

GWM, 30-45, HIV-, drug-free, physically fit and in charge of his own life for dinners, movies, walks, cuddling and whatever else we decide. Experience required (it's the mileage that's appealing). I'm 30, with similar qualifications. Tell me why you're right for the job. Reply BT Box SP97B or call ★★3689.

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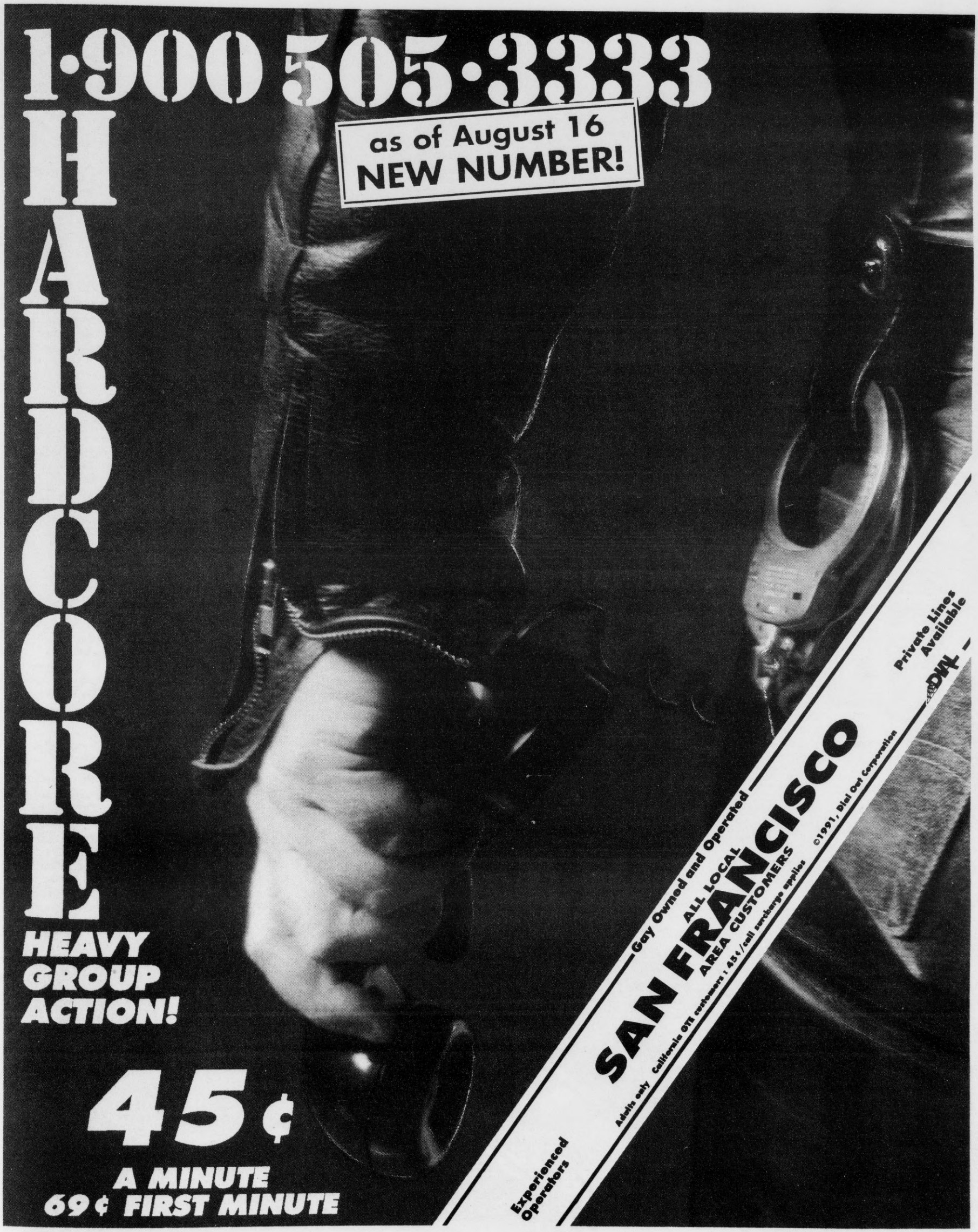
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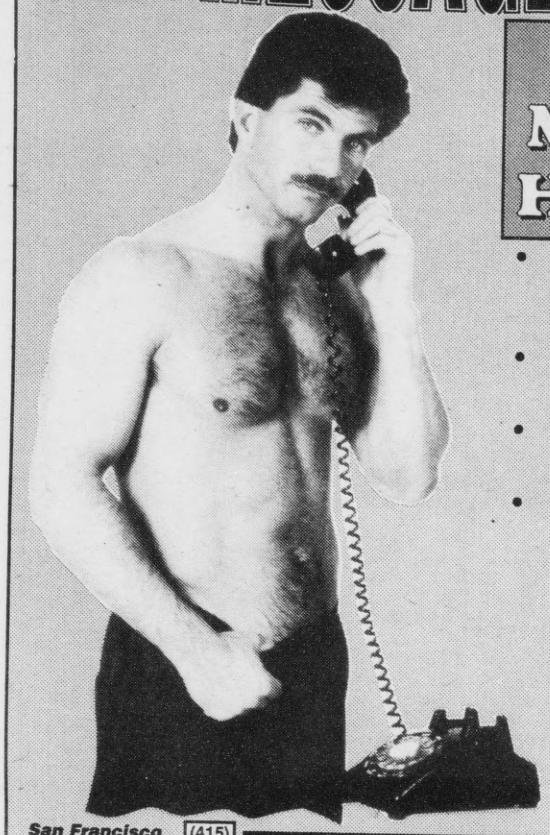

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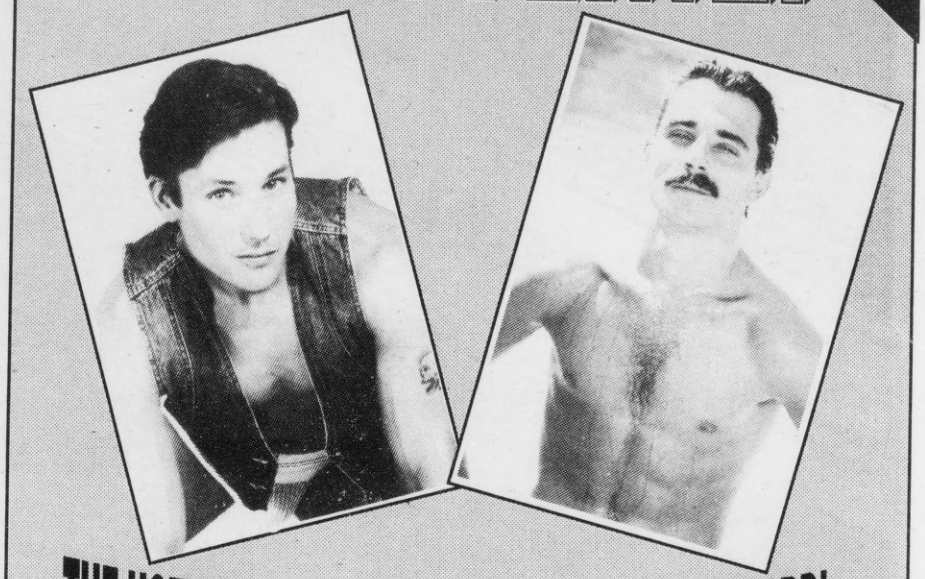

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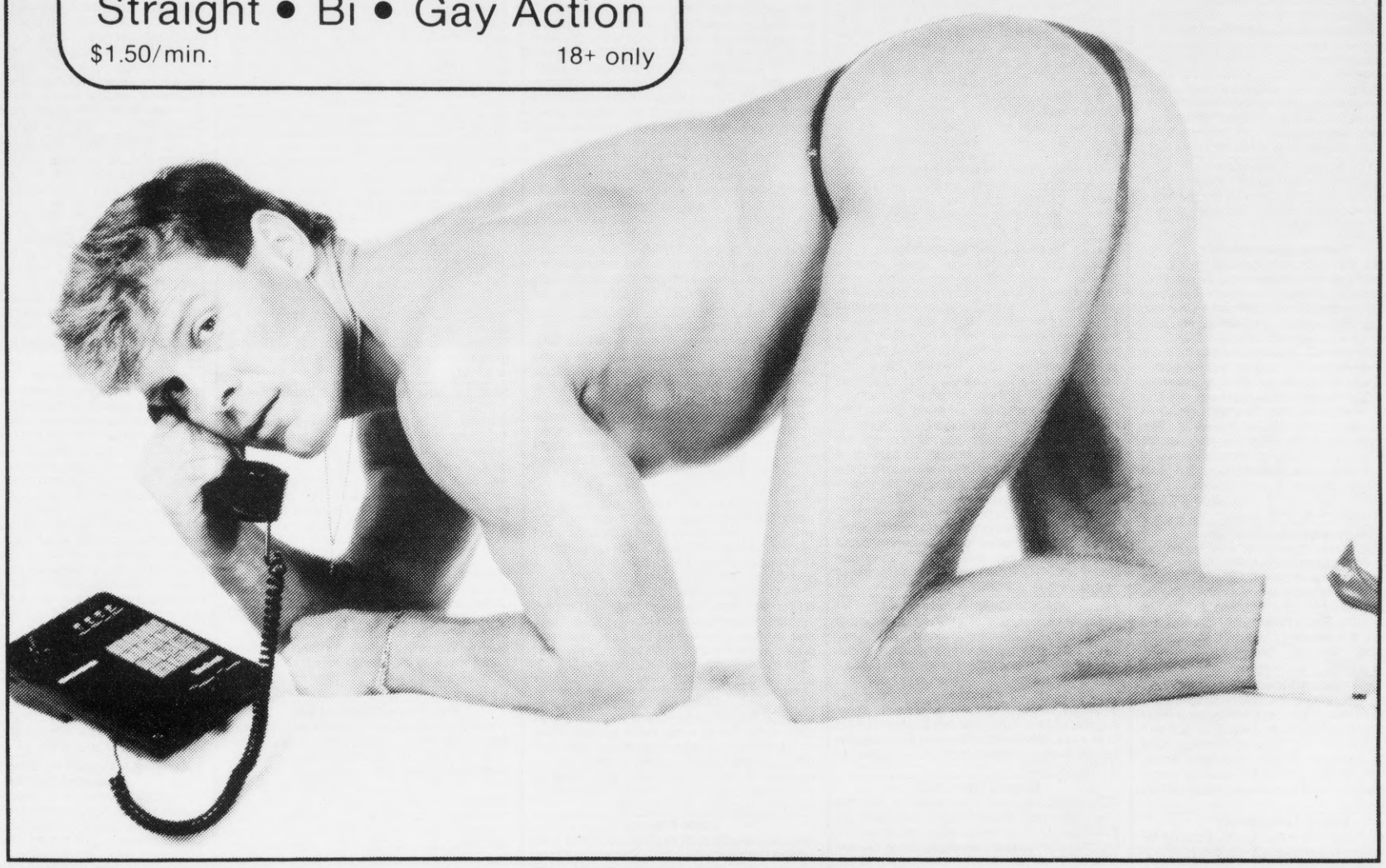

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I Like Those Big Mating Tools!!

I am looking for a good screw and want a WM to give it to me. Prefer older, taller, heavier males who have a hard HIV- dick and love to use it. Hair, semi-hair, or bald OK. Safe sex! Me: BM, HIV-, 45, 5'9", 160 with unused butt. No fast triggers or once a night types. Info and photo to Box 31662, Oakland 94604. No photos, no reply.

No Commitment Wanted

Regular guy is up to his neck in commitment. Looking for honest, sincere man for just plain fun. No strings, no mess, no fuss, no polyunsaturated fats, no cholesterol —but I am not only looking for sex. Am 29, 5'8", 155, blk/blue mostly bottom, romantic, HIV-, responsible and extremely safe. I'm not interested in harming, no ending the relationship I have at home. Prefer 5'8" and up, nonsmoker, white, regular guy. Drop me a line and a photo. Reply BT Box SP99B.

You Show Me Yours And...

Announcing a new international network of men who enjoy exchanging gay erotic photos. Write for information and include a sample picture. Reply BT Box SP100B.

Warm/Bright/Athletic

GWM, 35, 5'7", 145, hairy chested, gym build, brown hair/eyes, tan, collegiate good looks, HIV-, monogamous nonsmoker wants to meet similar man who is warm hearted, intelligent and athletic. I have a good sense of humor, am successful in a professional career, and offer sensitivity, caring, loyalty and willingness to commit fully to a lasting relationship. I'd like to meet a GWM, 28-40, under 6', with liberal views, high energy level, and an adventurous, good natured and self-motivated personality. Sexually, I am affectionate, sensual, passionate, endowed, and flexible - so you may be top, bottom or versatile. I'm strongly interested in the arts/music/theater as well as outdoors, travel, gym, skiing, running and biking. Photo optional, but if you want to send one I'll return it with one of mine. Reply BT Box SP101B or call ★★3691.

Honorable Intentions Only

GWM/32/6'4"/190 lbs/HIV-/SF Prof hoping to meet Mr. Right, settle down, build a relationship, raise a family, grow old together. I am a mix of liberal politics and traditional values. You must be a nonsmoking, free of drugs and most other dependencies. Please have a job. Not interested in photos, just regular guys who have what it takes to be "traditional." Reply BT Box SP102B or call ★★3692.

Eros Meets Heart

I've been meditating on the kind of person I'd like to meet: centered, peaceful, aesthetic of mind and body. Mature and thoughtful, vibrant and playful, like me. I'm 34 and I contemplate meeting someone 30-36, preferably Asian, spirited and sincere, infused with passion, integrity and intellect. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box SP103B.

Skinny Loves Beefy

Tall, slim, hung, HIV+, 32, GWM. Looking for medium/heavily built man, 25-45, for fun, friendship, and affection. Been out of circulation for a long time and could use a fresh start and a dash of confidence. I'll throw in intellect, simplicity, a sense of humor, and a large video library, as appropriate. You don't need to be a BB, but a reasonably firm texture would be helpful. Letter with photo appreciated. MPC PO Box 591238 SF 94118.

World Traveler Seeks Same

Recently returned from 2 years in Japan, 1 in China. Am seeking GAM or GWM lifetime traveling companion. I'm a GWM, Eddie Bauer type, 6', 178 lbs, brown hair, healthy (HIV-) and fit, just turned 40. Am well-educated, well-traveled, well-employed, interested in insightful conversations, quick wit, dining out, Buddhism, swimming, nude beaches, traveling. Hoping to meet someone fit and trim with similar experience and interests. Other desired qualities: 30ish to early 40s, nonsmoker, circumcised. Call ★★3693.

This Guy Is Gorgeous

I should know: I swam with him for two years! But now he's single, and agreed to let me run this ad. He's 30, 5'9", 150#, blonde/hazel, a Ph.D. (sciences), ENFJ, smoke-, drug-, and alcohol-free, HIV-, and frighteningly fit. His interests include fine cooking, literature, film, performance arts, the outdoors, and time with his cats (dog-lovers, beware!). He's commitment-oriented, but I won't let him rush into anything (or anyone). Write, send a returnable photo, and I'll pass you on. Reply BT Box SP104B.

Big Mac's Back

Read carefully: I got a big dick shaped like a huge hamburger. It's 8 inches wide and 1 hefty inch long just wait'n to give out that special sauce. Call ★★3694

M. BUTTERFLY

Closing night in San Francisco. You brought your mother, I was with a woman friend. We sat next to one another in the last row of the balcony, viewed through binoculars and spoke some. I would appreciate an opportunity to meet and speak with you. I'm interested in learning some things from you. Reply BT Box SP105B.

Young, Goodlooking, Cute Butt

Randomly Marxist intellectual, itinerant absurdist calmly schizoid speciously rummaging for you, traversing continents. Deliberately abstruse 27 in candid levels of hypogeal lucidity suckling moist stalags. Glorying in emphatic life, identity of word and thing. Sumptuous exposures of self in moist, lavish post-Lacan. Protean and subterranean unearthing scientific crust and crumb. Fine tooth comb our rambling minds, fuck and have me, dwell in revelry. Ravish me with thick, weighty matter. Reply BT Box SP106B.

Thinking Ahead

about winter and keeping warm with a 25-40 GWM, handsome, sexy, fit, intelligent, real, HIV-negative, patient and understanding. I am 38, 5'11", 165, black hair, warm blue eyes, hairy, fit, defined, HIV-. Am very much in touch with my need for space and privacy, but also desiring the closeness, comfort and joy coupling can provide. I have a lot to give to the man who touches my heart. Phone & photo if available. Reply BT Box SP107B or call ★★3695.

Heart to Heart Connection

Healing Euphoric Massage. Do you need a playful, loving, affectionate, supportive, understanding, kindred comrade, playmate to share fears, tears, frustrations and dreams as well as joy, laughter, fun and warm, nurturing healing massages? I sure do. I'm a 6'2", 165 lb, wirey muscular, handsome, masculine, sensual, hairy, strong, sensitive, open minded, passionate nature lover, 43, with intense bright blue eyes and warm frisky smile on a journey of growth, inner peace and spiritual awakening. Seek a tight bodied, firm, health conscious, handsome or boyish, playful truth seeker any height or age. My interests and passions include: all aspects of nature, hiking, camping, day trips exploring the country, animals, plants, ecology, travel, mountain biking, holistic healing, meditation, yoga, bodybuilding, PBS, soothing music, reading, crazy about all kinds of movies, witty conversation and open, honest communication. Send heartfelt, descriptive letter to: PO Box 3556 Berkeley 94703-0556 or leave a revealing message. Call ★★3696

GAM + GWM = Beautiful

Life can't be more beautiful without either you or me. This attractive, mature, honest, sweet, sexy GAM seeks relationship with a handsome, caring, warm GWM under 39. I'm 30, with a youthful look, 5'8", 120 lbs, HIV-, smooth, nice body, also beautiful inside. My interests include working out, tennis, movies, music, cooking, traveling, drawing, computers. If you're ready to offer your life to be more fulfilled with this loving Chinese guy, please send your letter and photo (will return) to BT Box SP108B.

Helping Hints #200

"Cherish is the word I would use to describe you," is the last thing he had to say to sack you that first time. Now, years later, you're piecing together exactly the phrase you foolishly misinterpreted: "Chair is the word," honey —you're just something for him to sit on. Just another piece of furniture in desperate need of Endust. It's time for refinishing. Do it. Call ★★3697.

Family Oriented

GWM, young 40, 5'4", 145 lbs, HIV- seeks fun and adventure with committed life partner. I have a wide spectrum of interests and talents. I have an 8-year-old son, who is a bundle of joy. Prefer non-drinking partners 5'8" and under. Please call me and let's talk. Reply BT Box SP109B or call ★★3698.

Never a Dull Moment...

with this bright, outgoing, busy, professional guy. I am a successful, stable, stud-muffin who values an intelligent, honest, witty and energetic male personality. I'm mostly Italian, mostly a top, very cute, moustached, 31, 5'8", 140 lbs, and HIV-. You shouldn't be too much bigger or older. My pleasures include walks on the beach, quiet dinners, exploration and home projects. Tell me about yours. Mr. Right needn't be perfect, but hopefully he possesses a variety of interests, has an uninhibited, upbeat attitude, is moderately aggressive, and has a strong libido with a classic romantic streak. You should be attractive, comfortable with yourself and open to developing a loving relationship. Conversation, a cup of coffee, an evening out, a lifetime? One or all may be only a call away. Call ★★3699

Catch Seeks Catch

Intelligent, well-educated, professional-looking "nice guy." I'm 30s, 5'9", 135, nice-looking, dark brn/brn, smooth, nice body, and HIV-. I'm easygoing and masculine. I enjoy travel, beaches, dancing, movies, music and eating out/in. My friends say I'm a special "catch." If you are similar/compatible, between 27-35, relatively quiet nice personality and HIV-, please call and describe yourself briefly. Serious Only. No games or drugs. Call ★★3700

Seeking Mate

We don't ever cease becoming "human beings." We are vulnerable, weak, and nearly helpless, in a sense, all of our days. We need nurture and love —at least, special attention, freedom, and perhaps, music, to live. I want to share my life with a man in a loving, enduring relationship. No interest in guys who cannot commit themselves. I yearn to meet a playful, emotionally sharing man, who knows what he wants. More about me? GWM, 45, 6', 165#, lean runner's body, HIV-, brn hair, balding, masculine, professional. Not into bars, drugs, or tobacco. I like most music, especially classical, read poetry and go to films, like outdoor athletics, e.g., hikes, runs, and bike rides. Sex is only a part of what I have to communicate. It has been overemphasized too often. Mutual chemistry and personal values that go beyond mere self-interest are of greater importance to me. If you also aim to be more yourself, as I do, in discovering "home" with another man, please write to PO Box 9056, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★3701.

Romance in the Oakland Hills

Do you like it slow, romantic and sensual? Do tongues, hot oil and being versatile turn you on? Are you attractive and in good shape? If so, I'm a GWM, 5'9", 160, light brown hair and moustache, green eyes, HIV-, 8" cut, great bubble butt, live in Oakland, smoke, and might like to meet you once or maybe more. Send nude photo or call. Reply BT Box SP110B or call ★★3702.

You're A Man

with LATIN sensibilities; (French/Italian/Spanish), comfortable with your masculinity, secure in who you are, accomplished yet curious. You function in the dining room as well as the bedroom. You might be a bit Bohemian or a little Wall Street but you have dark hair and dark, sensitive, maybe moody, eyes. Hearth and home are very important but spontaneity might demand a need to get out of town immediately to regroup at ocean or mountains. A relationship means needing a man to be next to you in bed as well as the times of victory and failure. You have cultured tastes, but materialism and pretense aggravate and bore you. You're not impressed with acquisitions but more impressed with Truth, Sincerity, Sensitivity and Respect. You're health conscious but not a gym-dandy. You have a real grip on the reality of life in the gay ghetto because you've survived transition here. You're art and music literate, Aretha/Debussy/Sondheim/Nicks. You're 28-45, and by now you're slapping your knee and screaming at this ad. I'm 38 years young and I want to meet you. Write PO Box 194372, SF 94119 or call ★★3703.

Come On Guy

Italian 39, 5'8" 155, HIV –. Nice bod—great legs, tush, arms. Green eyes, salt & pepper. Med. hooter that's happiest with an affectionate G/P, F/A playmate. Urban, cultured, a little earthy. Interested in dating (one guy) and hopefully something meaningful. Photo appreciated, returned. Reply BT Box SP111B.

Battle Fatigue

Anyone understand plight of answering Ad's, not getting responses, plus losing photos promised returned? NEW Battle Tactics: Placing "My" own Ad. This East Bay ex-Navy man, 52, 5'7", 165#, black hair, brown eyes, mustache, HIV –, honest, young looking, presentably fit, never married nor lover, would like hearing from HIV – GWMs interested in interfaced interlude meetings toward possible relationship. Sincere respondents eagerly pursued. Returnable photo optional. Reply to Boxholder, Box 461, San Leandro 94577.

How Long Is Your...

ponytail? Longhaired, soft-spoken, strawberry blond, mid-30s, cleanshaven, decent-looking, HIV –, 5'8", 150, with smiling green Irish eyes, wants a few new friends. I get a kick out of longhaired guys, value integrity and kindness, don't care for tobacco or selfishness. Varied interests, adventuresome, playful, contemplative. Give fabulous hot oil massage. Come over and get wet (swimming pool). Your beach or mine? Reply BT Box SP112B or call ★★3704.

24yo GM Is Ready And Waiting...

for a man that is intelligent, healthy, progressive, age 23-35. I am an attractive student with a good sense of humor, 6' and 175 lbs. I like clubs, movies, and quiet evenings alone with Mr. Right. Call ★★3705.

Perfect Stranger

I'm looking for one special guy with practice in relationship who would like to start something he can finish with a 38 yr old Ital/Am freelance artist (stable, accomplished). Like both urban (outgoing; arts, performance) and country (the basics of everyday, cooking, gardening) life. I work out (don't care if you do—just be fit). Turned on by lots of physical types, especially those with vulnerability, self-confidence, virtue. I like sex on top (safe, HIV–). Am 5'8" 160, S/P, blk moustache. Letter/photo—returned. Reply BT Box SP113B or call ★★3706.

Blond And Hairy?

Attractive WM, 36, 5'9", 140 lbs., dark hair, blue eyes, bright, cleancut, hard-working professional, HIV –, very friendly and fun, into hiking, politics, arts, the beach seeks stable and affectionate partner, 35-45, who is masculine, trim, Gr/A, HIV –, blond, cleanshaven, and hairy. Reply BT Box SP114B or call ★★3707.

Overeducated

GWM looking for a relationship with a man with a developed sense of self, someone who is bright (perhaps a bit eccentric), educated, and confident. I particularly appreciate men with unfailing curiosity. I am 41, 5'9", 155, bald, blue eyed, bearded, and in good shape. I am stable, happy and healthy. I am an excellent cook. We are talking great husband material here. Reply BT Box SP115B or call ★★3708.

Suit And Tie

GWM, 32, 6'4", 195, preppy, yuppie, very career oriented. After spending so much energy on my career, I have discovered that I am missing something. It's time to add a personal side to my life. If you are a WM, 30-45, at least 5'11", HIV –, don't smoke or do drugs, professional, conservative, and have a suit and tie lifestyle, I'd like to meet you. Reply BT Box SP116B.

T/T Can Also Mean...

Attractive GWM, 40, cleanshaven exec "Daddy"-type with very talented hands, likes his "boys" tied spread-eagle while he carefully explores their most sensitive places in slow, prolonged sessions. Do you enjoy being out of control, laughing helplessly and shooting at "Daddy's" whim? Then drop a note, photo and phone to Reply BT Box SP117B or call ★★3709.

How To Succeed In Sex Without Really Trying

Wanted: sex buddy for regular lusty sessions. Talk to me while you undress me. Let's exchange underwear—keep talking—don't smoke. Let's explore and experiment. Slip a condom on me with your mouth. You must be lean to lightly muscled and somewhat physically active. Open to men of all races, 34-50. I'm GWM HIV –, 44 6'1" 145 lbs. nonsmoker. Bisexual and married men OK with me. Call ★★3710.

Wanted: Life Partner

We're not getting younger, but yet still feel young. You're 30-45, good sense of humor and understanding of who you are. I'm GWM, 36, 200 well-proportioned lbs. Fun loving Jewish teddy. Great sense of humor, sincere, stable and healthy. We, together, will work well to meet a happy medium in our relationship. Your phone number gets quick reply. I'll be waiting!!! Reply BT Box SP118B.

I've Grown Impatient For...

Someone to call my own. Handsome, masculine, passionate, HIV+, Latino, seeks possible relationship with an attractive, healthy, nonpretentious GWM with a sense of humor. I am 5'9", 145 lbs., 28 yo, educated, professional, politically aware, overall down to earth, and somewhat lonely since HIV. Interests include sporting events, concerts, movies, food, and just about everything life has to offer. Take a chance. I am. Photo appreciated; returnable. Reply BT Box SP119B.

My Tongue

will be hanging out if you are a: husky (with a bit of a belly), hairy, blue eyed, 30s-40s, HIV –, WM, intelligent, kind, gentle, playful, sensual, cuddly, compassionate, puckish, successful, emotionally developed/healthy, adventurous, homebody, who likes horses, dogs and children, and is versatile or a bottom. I'm playful, loveable, occasionally too serious, WM, 30s, HIV –, successful, spiritual, imperfect, honest, hardworking, energetic, humorous, fun loving, discreet, with boyish/masculine good looks, 5'9", 160, brn/brn, hairy top/versatile, looking for love. Photo (returned) and letter to: Boxholder, PO Box 20896, Oakland 94620 or call ★★3711.

Will Pay

43 yo attractive GWM seeking younger attractive partners for mutually beneficial liaisons. Interested in men with smooth, androgynous or swimmer's build of any race. Sensitivity, intelligence and verbal wit is a plus. Please send letter with photo. Reply BT Box SP120B or call ★★3712.

Body & Soul?

Moderate alcohol, videos/fantasies (Matt Ramsey, Kirk Cummings) but also seeking more serious friends+?...honesty, philosophy, a higher Power? Van Gogh, music: jazz-pop-etc., sci-fi, Far Side humor, "quiet nights at home," ALL RACES 18-35...I'm GWM, 29, 5'9", 150#, hairy, cleanshaven, called goodlooking. Letter AND photo to: Boxholder, 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104.

Serious Laughter

Droll 46-year-old editor/writer/video producer, 5'7", 160, graying, clean-shaven, type B, HIV-, seeks marriage with serious, gentle, vision-led younger man (25-35). Among my likes: language, community, massage, Woody Allen, spiritual life, Route 1, NY Times, Motown, St. Matthew Passion, Thai food, table tennis, computers, sudden healing, Gorby, amateur theater, old friends, lithographs, Cinema Paradiso, truthfulness, gladioli. Top aversions: classical ballet, nearly all sports, astronomy, local politics, SF Chronicle, Johnny Carson, Manhattan (the place), Batman (the movie), alcohol, automobiles. Come stroll with me to Calistoga (the water). Reply BT Box SP121B or call ★★3713.

Top To Bottom

Yes, intellect is important, but, alas, the physical is essential. Handsome, muscular, HIV+, 37 y.o. professional, 6'1", 180 lbs, with light brown hair, mustache, and green eyes, who sexually is all top, SEEKS delectably handsome/cute bottom, 27-37 years old. If you are a lover of both nature and art, and are not aggressively gay in manner or behavior, we may have much in common. Include returnable photograph. Boxholder A, 584 Castro, #303, SF 94114 or call ★★3714.

Brotherhood And Spanking

Sincere WM, 42, youthful, trim, 6'2", 172, nice smooth buns seeks skinny smooth brother/sons 18-35 for give or take. Limits respected, any race OK, Asians welcome. Be spanked, spank, or both. Write: PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Bear Rasslin'

These merrily aggressive, bearded GW Animals are on the prowl for other friendly men who like it long, hard & growlin'. Whether you're a cock-tease cub in need of a firm paw or a veteran dirt-grizzly who knows how to mark his territory, we'll find the limits & respect 'em: 100% safe rasslin', t/t, c/b, boots, b/d, 501s, speedos, w/s, BYO toys & more. Call ★★3715.

I Give Up

on finding Mr. Right. I'll settle for Mr. Maybe. Someone to spend a couple of nights a week with, go to a play or movie, fix dinner, hang out. Very few strings attached (see below). I'm 44 (look 43), HIV+ (look HIV-), 6' (look 6'1"), 175 (look 173), balding, hairy, way too smart, sexually versatile, but prefer top, and although I consider oral sex to be foreplay, I give a world-class blowjob. Love long walks in traffic, cuddling in front of the refrigerator, flourescent-lit dinners. Non-Negotiables: you talk about your feelings (you might be afraid to, but you do it anyway); care about the feelings of those around you (although you don't take responsibility for them); know the difference between intimacy and orgasm (this one currently heads the list); read something besides comic books (classic comics might be okay); like animals (four-legged and two-legged); strive to stay conscious of who you are and what goes on inside you. Returnable photo required. I know it's a lot to ask, but even fuck-buddies need to relate on some level. Smoking is okay unless it's non-stop; heavy drinking will push my buttons; do I even have to mention drugs? Boxholder X, 584 Castro, #303, SF 94114.

Seeking A Masculine, Sensitive, HIV-, Bearded Partner

I'm a friendly, masculine, bearded man who wants to develop a committed relationship with a masculine, stable, compassionate man. My lover of eleven years has died. Creating a loving, supportive, sensual relationship has become a recent interest. I'm 45, HIV-, 5'9", 170 with dark brown hair, eyes, and beard. I'm handsome and in shape. I'm extremely affectionate (lots of touching, hugging, and kissing). I express my desire and affection that way combined with safe, slow, passionate sex. I enjoy sharing outdoor experiences, film, the symphony, staying at home with you and a good book, travel and more. Hope to hear from you. Reply BT Box SP122B or call ★★3716.

Seeking Mature, Manly, Husky WM

Roger Whittaker, Rod Steiger, Karl Malden, Leslie Nielsen, Gene Hackman and similar types in mid-40s to early 60s attract me. If you fit the type and possess the following characteristics, I'd like meeting for great times, possible relationship. You: large, strong (slightly overweight); healthy, (no smoker/drinker); blond (white/balding OK); blue/green eyes; clean shaven/mustache (no beard!); professional (doctor, cop, businessman, welcome). I prefer someone who: is openminded, energetic, kind, humorous; has discriminate taste in music, books, movies and attends selected cultural events; enjoys outdoor activities (hiking to skiing); believes in human potential (natural foods to consciousness expanding); has traveled; is ecologically aware, no-nonsense progressive. Me: Caucasian, 41, 6'2", 190, brown, brown, healthy, handsome, well-built, professional, into all of the above. Reply with picture

(returned). Reply BT Box SP123B or call ★★3717.

Looking For Mr. Right

Why do I always meet Mr. Right in another city? I know he's here somewhere. He would be GWM, 30s, under 170, cleanshaven, bottom/versatile. Pluses would be HIV+, likes entertaining at home, travel, reading, outdoors, sailing, tennis, (scuba a real plus), and quiet Sunday mornings. I am GWM HIV+, mid-40s, 5'11", 165, Br/Br, cleanshaven, professional, good shape. Reply Box 77582, SF 94107.

Flawed And Up For Bidding

Complex Jewish progressive with a warm sense of humor and a well-developed sense of irony seeks partner. I am cultured, very smart, well-educated, multi-lingual, self-employed, professional, stable and communicative. Physically: 5'7", 155#, br/br, nonsmoker, fit, and handsome. At 32, I'm far from perfect (and becoming less so by the day), and am always striving to change. I get along best with people who are unabashedly flawed, smart-to-brilliant, and who love to understand, evolve and give. In a love-partner, good looks, stability, trustworthiness, fitness, progressive politics, introspection and warmth are definitely required. Modesty, psychotherapy experience and sensual lovemaking are big pluses. Please respond if you're around my age and height, are HIV- and don't smoke. A photo (return promised) would be appreciated. Reply BT Box SP124B or call ★★3718.

SWM

seeks the friendship, companionship, possibly more, of a mature/funloving man 30+ who would enjoy spending some quality time together —weekday cooking, at a movie, out to dinner, and/or weekend. Enjoyed the beauty of N. CA hiking, camping, sleeping late in a cabin watching the fire and reading plus the things that interest and/or important to you. I'm 50, healthy HIV+, 6'4", 170 lbs & in good shape. Pls. write w/your ideas. Reply BT Box SP125B or call ★★3719.

Hot Fun

Looking for HUNG (8.5" or more only), cut guys who like to play safely with a clean cut 31 HIV-GWM with a beautiful 8" dick. Prefer nonsmokers under 38. I really get into big dick. Love to suck/get sucked, versatile but lean toward top. Let's play with our big dicks together. Call ★★3720.

South Bay Asian

Looking for friends in Santa Clara County area. Like to hear new ideas and am willing to try anything at least once. An incorrigible opera fan and avid hiker. Wotan's farewell and the views from Santa Cruz Mountains take my breath away. Seek companion(s) for dinners, movies, concerts, hikes, beaches, etc. Like to know people experienced in camping and whitewater rafting to explore together. Prefer south of Palo Alto but will reply to anyone who perks my curiosity or catches my fancy. Relationship potential. If you share some of the interests, write PO Box 41423, San Jose 95160-1423 or call ★★3721.

Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained

Peninsula professional, masculine, handsome, HIV-, clean-cut GWM, relationship-oriented, late-30s and experienced. I'm a liberal democrat, tall with great brown eyes and an incredible smile. What makes me happy? Dinner in bed for two, watching Murphy Brown, mountain biking, love letters, Luther Vandross, working out and dreaming about being in love. You're 30-45, attractive, masculine, playful (in bed and out), HIV–, not into bars, independent yet willing to commit to the right relationship. Take a chance. We may both end up very happy. Letter, phone, photo (returnable). Reply BT Box SP126B or call ★★3722.

It's a simple notion.

Here I am in mid-50s with a recurring daydream of spending some time and nights with a younger man. Time would be occupied with sharing curiosity about events, ideas, ideals, art, learning more about whatever; nights provide a sharing of safety and wishes and dreams. No bulletin board about age or race or looks. How you view the best and worst of life interests me. Tell me about yourself and let's see if that's a beginning. Reply BT Box SP127B or call ★★3723.

Cock and Ball Service

Attractive, in shape, WM seeks WM under 38 yrs, with 8 thick inches or more. Blonds preferred. I am 30 yrs, 5'11', masculine, handsome and muscular. Cum and get off with vigor. Tops get a free ride. Discrete and private. Open to fantasies. Safe and clean. Guys my age or younger don't be shy! R-U-man enough? Rough and tumble, a quickie for lunch or a midnight climax? Reply BT Box SP128B or call ★★3724.

Help On The Way

The wind in the willows played tea for two, the sky was yellow and the sun was blue, stranges stopping strangers just to shake their hand, everybody's playing in the Heart-of-Gold band, we can discover the wonders of nature, rolling in the rushes down by the riverside. Reply BT Box SP129B or call ★★3725.

Late Night

Long-haired, 29 yr-old Bi WM, 6'1", slim & in excellent shape/health (HIV-) seeks similar Bi or Gay man with blues records or old jazz collection for late night listening/taping, conversation, beers, etc. You know —a friendship first and foremost and who knows what happens next? Life is a celebration, after all! Reply BT Box SP130B or call ★★3726.

Fantasex

My firm kinky body wants to intertwine with your long hairy legs, muscular torso and arms, grazing upon your gently haired chest and your ample, undisciplined treasures of manhood. My warm lips fuse with yours, I grip your dark locks. My body is young (20s), strong (6', 165), and smooth. Send a photo to show me yours. We'll be two beautiful young men in carnal pleasure. Reply BT Box SP131B or call ★★3727.

South Bay

Slim active guy, 52, 5'9", 145 lbs, would like to meet Peninsula or South Bay down-to-earth masculine guy over 40 for various activities including walks, hikes, movies, dinners. Slim —non-hairy preferred. Reply BT Box SP132B or call ★★3728.

Tall "All-American" Type

GWM, 29, 6'5", 200 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, collegiate, athletic type, masculine, professional, successful, fun guy. HIV-. Seeks similar guy who enjoys: the gym, progressive music, weekend getaways and shares a good sense of humor and a positive outlook on life. I live an hour (East) from San Francisco (own a house in the "burbs"). Looking forward to the possibilities! Reply BT Box SP133B or call ★★3729.

Sailor Seeks Mate

GWM, 39, seeks adventurous young man to share a magical journey through life aboard a classic sailboat. No experience necessary, just a healthy body and the hunger to explore the world. I have found living on the water to be the perfect natural lifestyle. If you have an unfulfilled sense of adventure and the desire for a meaningful relationship, let me explain my dreams in person. I welcome you to share in the excitement. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★3730.

Let's Get Co-Dependent!!

Handsome GWM, 6'1", 36, 190 lbs., seeks good old fashioned relationship. If you can't live without me, then I wanna hear from you! I like handsome GWM's who don't smoke, who drink lightly or not at all, exercise regularly, are HIV–, hung normally, and have all their teeth. I'm not hung like a donkey and I don't have a fabulous job or expensive car. However, I do like hot versatile sex, have the capacity to be honest and won't treat you like shit. Serious only. Reply BT Box SP134B or call ★★3731.

Cute, Sincere, And Fun!!

That's me. Is it also you? 28 yo, clean-cut, prof. GWM with good intellect, satirical sense of humor, stable/mature personality, and playful/romantic spirit seeks smooth GAM, GWM, or GLM in his twenties with similar qualities and slim to medium build for caring relationship. Xerox photo appreciated. Will send you my photo upon request. Reply BT Box SP135B or call ★★3732.

Attention: K

You answered my ad in BT. It read: Slightly older/San Jose. You gave me no way to contact you. Please write again. Boxholder, PO Box 23744, San Jose 95123 or call ★★3733.

'Romantic Hunk'

GWM, 35, 6', 192, brn/grn, beard, hairy, buffed-muscular build, masculine, good looking. I'm quite a catch; however, also picky. Fanatical about gym workouts (I'm no Colt model but get heavily cruised when out). Looking to meet a buffed man interested in another buffed man. Appealing to my narcissistic side, I'm attracted to my physical equal (height/weight/musculature) and yet find myself repeatedly disappointed. I recognize to a degree the superficiality of body-looks. However it is something important to me and I won't compromise. I believe there have to be men who understand where I'm coming from. I know I'm not the only one who shares this frustration. Nonphysical: graduate degree, incredibly romantic, almost prefer touch/kiss to sex (although I'm a good lay). I'm funny, intellectual, enjoy outdoor/indoor activities, a natural with people and have no problems being up-front with my feelings. If you can relate to this ad, I'm interested in meeting. Please write. Reply BT Box SP136B or call ★★3734.

Gay Latino In Napa Valley

Professional, gay Latino in NV seeking to meet other gay men in my area. I'm 27, 5'11", 185 lbs. I'm sincere, honest and caring. I enjoy dancing, beaches, good conversation and being adventurous. I'm not into games and would enjoy meeting people who are not afraid of taking a chance with life and share similar interests. If interested in meeting with me, write to Boxholder, PO Box 7191, Napa 94558 or call ★★3735.

Meet Tom Selleck

...some other time; you could meet me now! I'm: GWM, HIV+, brunette, moustache, hairy, nice eyes, smile, masculine, stocky, late 30s. I'm a hung, passionate topman who loves super-smooth bottoms (all races, especially Latins/Asians) not into vices. J/O, bang buddies, friends (?), who knows! Let's see what happens—Please write with photo (returned) to: Boxholder, PO Box 196, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3736.

What To Say?

Me. GWM, early 40s, 5'10", 162, br hair, moustache, balding, blue eyes, sense of humor, level-headed, intelligent, health-conscious, masculine, honest. You? Probably early 30s to late 40s, masculine, good shape, possibly moustache or beard, comfortable with yourself, varied interests, what you do is less important than who you are; however good you may be at what you do, you are open to new things and people. Box 14112, 4304 18th St., SF 94114 or call ★★3737.

I'll Show You Mine If...

You're looking for a safe, sexy, sweaty, sexual adventure with a versatile, goodlooking, young-acting, affectionate, sensual, smooth, educated BM, 6', 185 lbs., gym-toned, nice guy. Masculine, muscular, hunky, young-thinking GW or Latin sex buddies are encouraged to reply. I'm into hugging, touching, hot nipples, pornography, laughing, toys? Come on...take a chance. Photo (exchanged). Boxholder, PO Box 190182, SF 94119 or call ★★3738.

Papa Bear Seeks Black Cub

GWM seeks GBM for relationship. I'm 50, 6', 200 lbs., swimmer, short beard, hairy chest, professional career. Looking for man under 45, slender or muscular. I'm open to any lifestyle; a plus if you're Greek passive. I enjoy walking my dog, sports, hobbies, movies, dining out, games, TV, reading. Reply BT Box SP137B or call ★★3739.

Dark Haired HIV+ Man Wanted

Me: 5'10", 150, 39, brown hair/eyes, in excellent shape, good-looking, very loving, sexual, loyal, talented, intelligent, love the outdoors and simple pleasures of life. You: a wonderful, sincere person (with dark hair) looking for a really special partner. Reply BT Box SP138B or call ★★3740.

I Wanna'

pick on somebody my own size! Vital white guy, 5'4". I'm a smart, funny, and damn fine-looking commercial-type artist, 31, 125 lbs, and love to smooch guys without craning my neck and standing on my toes. Looking to meet men near my height and age who are intelligent, sharp-looking, creative, kind, HIV–, and have a great sense of humor. It would also help if you like guys who are slim, dark, trimly-bearded, and hairy. Write or call (I'll send your photo back). Reply BT Box SP139B or call ★★3741.

Two Hot Men

Offer fantasy fulfillment to bottom/versatile, 21-34, nice guy outside/inside. How much can you take? For how long? Let's meat and see what cums up. We are 35/29, 6'+, 185+, HIV–, fun and cum, no strings, safe only. Reply BT Box SP140B or call ★★3742.

A Man Asks Me To Go Home With Him.

I need no man. Simple reply. "For a day, week, month, or lifetime?" I'm quality, GQ handsome, WM, green eyed, muscular, 6', 182, mature, and 25. Witty, strong, still growing. Interest: Bodybuilders, GQ looks irrelevant. You're stable and present roots, education, goals, and opinions are important. You communicate, but need another car and big hearted guy for a real friendship with relationship a possibility. Reply BT Box SP141B or call ★★3743.

Oak Wanted!

My life seems to careen this way and that, from friends to job to arts to writing. I need an oak to be solid for me, a center to keep returning to. I'm 51, 6', 160 lbs., extremely bright, loyal, affectionate, a bottom in bed. You're younger, protective, a top, intelligent too. Reply BT Box SP142B or call ★★3744.

Seeking GAM

For (1)Fun, (2)Friendship & (3)Relationship if possible. Me: GWM, 50, 5'10", 165, br, bl. Top mostly. You: GAM to 38, height & weight proportional, versatile or bottom (mostly). Reply BT Box SP143B or call ★★3745.

A B C

American-born Chinese, 5'7", 135, handsome, HIV– seeks GM for friendship, fun, and perhaps relationship. I am healthy, fit, energetic, even-tempered, in control, with many interests (reading, travel, tennis, workouts, outdoors, films, music, etc.) and open to new ones. Want you to be similar. Respond with phone, photo to W. PO Box 471583, SF 94147-1583 or call ★★3746.

Wanted: Hot Hairy GWM Bottamen

You are: very hairy GWM, 25-55 yrs. old, good sense of humor, average build or better, honest, a great talker, financially stable, emotionally available (no left over relationships), affectionate, a great french kisser, with spiritual values like loving kindness, a real romantic. I am: GWM, 43, 6'1", 170#, brn. hair, hazel eyes, HIV+, average build, bearded topman who loves hairy bodies, romance, dining in or out, lots of kissing, touching and great sex. I am a great listener, somewhat shy (at first), love to give and receive massage. Let's allow a relationship to develop that supports our physical needs & appetites while nurturing our soul's desire. Reply BT Box SP144B or call ★★3747.

Hey! Tall, Dark and Handsome!

You're: attractive and fit around my age, single, HIV– and topish. Down to earth, don't mind tobacco! Me: 37 yrs., 5'8" 140, longish blond hair, moustache, big blue eyes, tan, muscular, with a good head on his shoulders, easy going guy who loves hard core cuddling, tuna fish sandwiches and tomato soup on rainy days. Drop a line with returnable photo. Reply BT Box SP145B or call ★★3748.

Jockeys, Boxer Shorts

and hot dick turn me on, sir! Good lookin', 48, GWM, HIV–, eagerly sniffs horny nuts & worships man meat. Drop a note in my voice mail box (I check it weekdays 5, 6 & 7pm—weekends every 2 hours) or write with your phone # to: Box 420761, SF 94142-0761 or call ★★3749.

Handsome, Available

Me: 37 yo, 250 lbs., 6'1", full beard. Friendly, cuddly and affectionate. Intelligent, mature and conversant. Seeking friends and/or relationship with someone similar. Especially attracted to Hispanics, but all welcome. Photo appreciated, but not necessary. C'mon, don't be shy. Reply BT Box SP146B or call ★★3750.

Bright, humorous, Jewish (non-religious) GWM seeks Caucasian 20-35/Asian 20-50 for cuddling and conversation. I'm 39, trim/stocky, bald, graying, hairy, HIV–; enjoy language, Asian popular music, walking, Asian/Jewish culture. You have full head of hair and interests you enjoy sharing. We're nonsmokers, non-druggers, non-/light drinkers, clean shaven. Please write Boxholder, POB 190188, Rincon Center, SF 94114 or call ★★3751 (English/Cantonese.)

Looking For A Leather Daddy?

But afraid of S/M, FF, pain, etc.? Read on!! This authentic leather daddy (late 40s, distinguished, salt & pepper hair, trim beard) isn't into those things, but is into boys under about 30 (in age and waist). You should like to give head and be good at it, and possibly interested in mild B&D (not essential). My playroom is an erotic experience, one night stands OK but a permanent relationship is preferred. I'm tall, slim, and somewhat of a renaissance man. Join me, won't you? Reply BT Box SP147B or call ★★3752.

Wanted

One goodhearted man. Young Marin man seeks outgoing funloving cowboy type for outdoor adventures including: hiking, camping, dinners out and in, etc. You can be tall or short between 21 and 50, weight in proportion to height—dark hair with physically fit body. Pluses are moustaches, beards and hairy chest. Me: 6', 165 pounds, handsome, gym-toned body, 28 yo with moustache, brown hair and eyes. Pls. respond with photo! Reply BT Box SP148B or call ★★3753.

Bend Over!

GWM, 24, HIV–, Br/Br, 5'10", 162 lbs., hairy versatile top with big, beautiful pierced tits seeks man 20-40 for sex/relationship. I'm into leather, some bondage, and looking for some safe, hot times. Pain is a turnoff. No drug/alcohol abusers—OK in moderation. So if you're hot and horny and can take it like a man (and sometimes give it), give me a call and we'll talk. Reply BT Box SP149B or call ★★3754.

Pacifica — Moss Beach — Half Moon Bay

GBM, 32, 5'11", 190 lbs, muscular, masculine, well hung, HIV+, top. Likes camping, cooking, working out, mountain bikes, safe sex. You: GWM, 30-45, in shape, outgoing, honest and willing to drive to the coast if you don't live here. Pluses for blond men with body hair. P.S. "B" in Pacifica, please call back and leave your phone number. It got cut off last time. PHOTO with note please. Reply BT Box SP150B or call ★★3755.

Early 50s, HIV-, Greek Active, French Passive, 145, 5'8", masculine, handsome, very healthy, happy and in good shape looking for the right bottom monogamous HIV-, healthy man to share the richness of my heart. If no chemistry we could develop a good friendship. Leave a message or send me a note. Reply BT Box SP151B or call ★★3756.

Attractive Young Asian Guy

desired by tall, slender, healthy, easygoing, and nice looking middle-aged GWM for friendship and more. You should be trim and smooth. You like: good music, dining out, long walks, mutual closeness, and be dominant sexually. No smoking or heavy drugs; social drinking only. Let's meet and see what happens. Write please. Reply BT Box SP152B or call ★★3757.

Sex Plus

companionship, adventure, warmth, love. This 40 y.o. handsome, muscular physician (HIV-, 5'10", 170, avid bodybuilder, traveler, art patron) seeks one youthful "gentle giant," very muscular, physically dominant to share and thoroughly enjoy the banquet of life. I look forward to connecting with you. Reply BT Box SP153B or call ★★3758.

Looks aren't everyting —too overrated. Give me interesting conversation, wit and charm —I'll show you one of life's few splendid pleasures. Looks and brains —heaven on Earth! A college education ain't it either —I'm not impressed with degrees. Hard work plus a concern for others—honest concern, ranks high on my hit parade. 31, GWM, 5'11", 160. Seeking no pretty liars, sex friend, or hangers-on. Crayon portraits only. Reply BT Box SP154B or call ★★3759.

Autumn Gold

Good looking GWM, mid-30s, professional wants to meet another man for good times, hopefully leading to a committed relationship. I don't have any physical fetishes, but I am a sucker for men my size or bigger (6', 175) and for blue eyes. I like travel, C/W dancing, fun-loving, HIV- tops, honesty, spontaneity and stability. I'm open to trying just about anything and look forward to meeting you and trying new things with you. Reply BT Box SP155B or call ★★3760.

Cuddle Buddy Sought

Yep. I'm a 34-year-old African American freelance illustrator seeking a warm guy with a sense of humor to hug and cuddle with on a regular basis. The quality of the affection is more important that the size and shape it comes in. Send a photo and/or a description of your fondest embrace. Thanks. PO Box 383, Brisbane 94005.

Looking for One Hot Ticket

Me too! After 32 years of life, eleven of which spent in a loving, monogamous "relationship" and two years of dating just to discover what I've known all along...I'm giving it one good shot by placing this ad. I'm handsome, clean cut, 6'1", 185#, BrnHzl, kind, loving, warm hearted (with a smile to match) and a true gentleman who has had enough of gay games. If you possess a really BIG...heart and know what you want, are in your 30s and "have a life"— read on. Physically— I like them tall, handsome and hairy. Now for the tough part— are you a genuinely nice man with a masculine presence (Queens— stay on your throne) yet a boy's capacity for fun and adventure? Great! Keep reading...this is a tough order to fill after all. The bottom line is that we're both searching for a best friend, confidant, brother (maybe a pinch of sister) and genuinely "normal" kind of man who we are also physically attracted to, to be our "lover" and life mate. Yes, I like dog's and am open to raising children. You can keep the white picket fence but a stable home environment is important— whether it be a penthouse, a ranch house, or one of each. I'm conservatively...liberal. Simply...complex, and one heck of a "catch" who just so happens to possess an extremely optimistic outlook on life and enjoys it to it's fullest. I'm easygoing, affectionate (all this marketing data), masculine, HIV-(hope you are too), successful, stable (all these buzz words), have a great family, many close friendships and a strong mind, but watch out—if you get my libido tap dancing...it may be months before you see daylight! This offer will not be repeated. Intrigued? Send phone # and picture to BT Box SP156B. Oh...and if you think this ad is long...

Looking for Love in All The Wrong Places

Emotionally adventurous, young-spirited, sexually agitated, romantically frustrated, attractive, open-minded, co-dependency conversant, gym-toned body with nice tits, 42, 155#, 6', HIV-, seeks physically trim, sexually versatile, emotionally available, verbal, reasonably bright, HIV-male, age 25-45 for mutual amusement and possible commitment. Reply with photo to BT Box SP157B or call ★★3762.

Daddy-Bear

Quietly masculine, sincere, mature, GWM, HIV-seeks stable guy, 21+, any race, for friendship, possibly more. I can sometimes be dominant, but we're both affectionate. We are also non-smokers, and rarely drink, if ever. Reply BT Box SP158B or call ★★3763.

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Asian man seeks a pal to spend quiet times with. I like good down to earth conversations, home cooking, movies and walks in the woods. If you are 30-45, warm hearted and a romantic, please reply BT Box SP159B.

Brains & Looks

Very good-looking, intelligent, educated, well-traveled Asian (29, masculine, top/versatile, very athletic, smooth, HIV-) looking to date attractive, fun, adventurous, well-adjusted men (all types) who enjoy exercise, can communicate, have a sense of humor, lean toward liberal politics, are not too concerned with themselves, and enjoy life mixed with lots of creative lovemaking. Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347014, SF 94134-7014 or call ★★3764.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Planning candlelight dinner for 10-12 single gay men in private SF home Saturday, October 19. Send SASE with brief self-description for invite. Must be relationship-oriented between 30-40 years, healthy, weight proportionate to height, at-

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tractive, nonsmoker. PO Box 421557, SF 94102 or call ★★3765.

Are You Seeking

a love that endures? I am. Me: handsome, 30 y.o. GWM, 6', 160 lbs, brn/brn, HIV-, professional, educated, nice body. You: educated, HIV-, professional, in excellent shape, and within 5 years of my age. A few things I enjoy: swimming, movies, reading, good conversation and the outdoors. I want to build a relationship which includes emotional availability; honesty; lots of affection; hot, frequent, versatile (top/bottom) sex; and tenderness. If you are willing to work hard at developing a satisfying and equal partnership, then reply with note and photo. Reply BT Box SP160B or call ★★3766.

Fun-Loving, Intelligent, Sincere

GWM seeks the one right guy. You may be the one if you're a GWM 25-40 years old who is intelligent, honest, and affectionate with a sense of humor and a desire for a monogamous relationship. Me: GWM, 27 yrs old, 5'11", 160#, red hair/brown eyes, handsome, straight acting/looking, professional, very down-to-earth. I enjoy hiking, bicycling, running, reading, good conversation, movies...and yes, even junk TV. Reaffirm my belief that there are normal, intelligent guys who want a serious, committed relationship. Please reply to BT Boxholder SP161B. Photo appreciated, but not necessary.

Looking

Goodlooking GWM student, 34, blond, 6'1", 190#, HIV-, mustache, hzl eyes, muscular, seeks other healthy, busy, cleancut, HIV- guys somewhat like me, for relationship/friendship. I enjoy working out, long conversations, classical music, motorcycle riding, cuddling and just being with a good friend doing nothing special. Your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box SP162B.

Not Just Sex

GWM, mid-30s, tall, blond, beard, (look Scandinavian but actually Scotch-Irish stock from Tennesse!), great sense of humor. Enjoy conversing and writing. Would love to travel with the right man. Looking for funloving, older masculine man who is not looking for instant love and sex. Dislike phony, pretentious types. Prefer someone in Peninsula area, but not exclusively. No curious ad veterans, please. Write PO Box 117752 Burlingame 94011 or call ★★3767.

I'll Give You My Best

I'm a powerful, masculine top, well-endowed, HIV – negative —a Major league lover. I'm the passionate, romantic, monogamous man you thought you might never meet. Intense love and security CAN come together in a committed, lifetime relationship. I may not be your first lover, but I know I can be the best one you've ever had and the last one you'll ever want. At this point in my life, I have a naturally muscular build, a successful professional career, a mature, optimistic, well-grounded and loving personality, and a stable but adventurous lifestyle. Are you looking for a quality man that has a comfortable, unpretentious way about him; someone who is a nonsmoker and free from substance abuse? Are you between 28 and 38 (I'm 41), HIV –, short or average in height (I'm 5'8"; 155 lbs.), with a personality that is inquisitive, energetic, playful, optimistic, goal oriented and adventurous? You'll need to be adaptable enough to join me for a black tie evening on the town or a casual weekend in the country. In bed, you are an active Greek-oriented bottom who appreciates a man who is romantic, affectionate and totally top. You can trust that I will return your love since I am a giver too. We've both been waiting for this connection so reply with a photo to 41 Sutter St., Suite 1203, SF 94104 or call ★★3768.

I Know This Great Guy I Want You To Meet

I'm writing this ad because I am hoping to meet someone. Ideally, I would like to meet a potential lover, but I am also open to meeting people for a variety of relationships. It's impossible to predict how a relationship will develop until the individuals actually meet. What to say about me? I am very serious about life and my commitments to others. AIDS and the loss of friends often makes me angry, sometimes makes me crazy, and too frequently makes me cry. I do love and relish life and feel that this tragedy has made me realize how much I cherish those who are close to me. I try not to take myself too seriously, but sometimes I forget, so the help of a friend's sense of humor will make me laugh. I am thoughtful, impassioned, musical, respected, dependable, bright, professionally successful, financially stable, loving, and sometimes accidently funny. I am 42, 5'10", 175 pounds, attractive, HIV+, and a very masculine bottom. I have dark brown/gray hair, hazel eyes, a moustache, smooth skin, and freckles when the sun shines. I enjoy classical music, skydiving, chocolate, the Big Game, cars, China Court, enthusiastic sex, singing, hugs, the gym, nonsmokers, ships, musical theater, my Macintosh, dancing, Golden Gate Park, tall muscle tops 30-45, Cafe Majestic, light or non-drinker, touching, my work, jogging, Ellen Goodman, Edinburgh, roses and romance. Reply BT Box SP163B or call ★★3769.

B-B-B

Biking, books and bridge are three of my favorite activities. Also romance, intimacy, sexual versatility, travel, time at home, exploring new restaurants, cultural events and movies. Are you 20-45, HIV –, cleanshaven, slim to average build with brains and integrity? So am I—except age 53 (look much younger)—also 5'8", GWM, 145 lbs., blu/brn, gym-toned, witty; a college educated professional who would like to exchange photos with you. PO Box 471552 SF or call ★★3770.

Warmth And Wit

I am a 35-yr.-old good-looking, gym-toned, HIV – Jewish man. I am warm, well-educated, humorous, cheerful, communicative, sensitive, caring, sensual, insightful. I am especially attracted to men of warmth and intellect who are psychologically attuned, and have some opinions of the world. Your smile will get mine in return! Call ★★3771.

My Friends Told Me

To say I'm warm and caring, efficient and practical; they also mentioned nice arms and chest and a great butt. Enjoy cooking, eating, red wine and strong coffee; biking, skiing and driving with the top down (even when it's cold). Muscular, 5'9", 160#, brown/blue, age 30, still have mustache. Looking for a muscular top, my age +, dark hair and sense of humor. Short, glasses, beard, clipped/shaved earn bonus miles. Reply BT Box SP164B or call ★★3772.

Looking For Love/Sex

I've tried the bars, bookstores and even Safeway(?), so I thought why not give the personals a shot. What I'm looking for is a GWM, 30-45 yrs old, hairy, facial hair a plus, in shape, and who's into having a lusty fun-filled time with a 29, 5'11", GWM. Reply BT Box SP165B or call ★★3773.

Working Class Stiffs

2 WM, 40s, average looks want similar masculine guys. Kick back, watch porno, drop your pants, get into rauncy hot scenes. We've had some great times with men who answered our last ad but we're ready for more. Reply BT Box SP166B or call ★★3774.

J/O Buddy Wanted

I'm a WM, 40, friendly, sense of humor, intelligent, varied interests but shy and somewhat of a loner. I like to be by myself a lot. Looking for a nice friendly reasonsable guy for occasional J/O or other low-key sex. I'm not a stud and don't seek one. No diseases please. Prefer 18-40 year old smooth, skinny guys. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★3775.

You Just Never Know!

I'm a handsome GWM, 30, 6'1", 165#, light brown hair, green eyes, moustache, hung, HIV –, successful, energetic, ambitious, and open minded. I'm seeking a similar stable, thin/muscular, nicely hung, smoke and drug free, GM, under 40, for friendship, sex and possibly a relationship. Reply BT Box SP167B or call ★★3776.

Is Finding Love Your First Priority!

If it is, read on. I'm a GWM, 6', blond, 165#, average build, attractive, cleancut, nonsmoker, non-drinker, HIV –, fit. I'm looking for GWM 25-40, nonsmoker, non-drinker, cleancut, semi-athletic, HIV-, dark hair a plus. If you want a monogamous relationship and are making it your number one priority and are interested, call me! Reply BT Box SP168B or call ★★3777.

Not Your Average Leather Stud

GWM, 39, HIV –, 5'11", 155#, well-built, defined, handsome, swimmer's body seeks HIV – partner. I'm honest, open, trustworthy, sexually versatile, enjoy the out-of-doors, hiking, camping, reading, writing, plants, swimming, working out. Own motorcycle and lots of leather. Not into alcohol, drugs, smoking. I'm very independent, one-on-one—not a joiner or a "groupie." Emotionally able and committed to building a relationship. Reply BT Box SP169B or call ★★3778.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

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How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through Nov. 26. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

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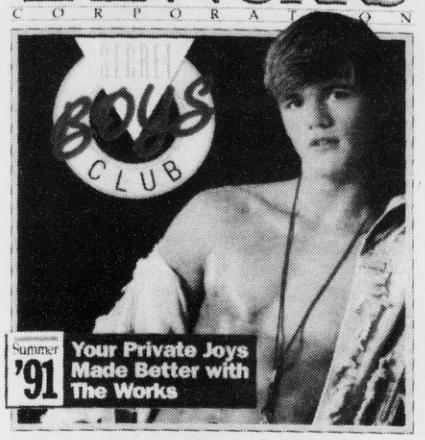

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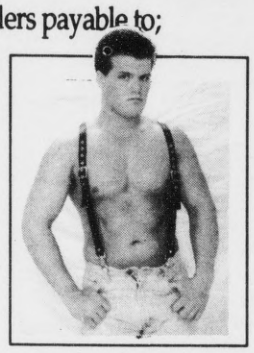

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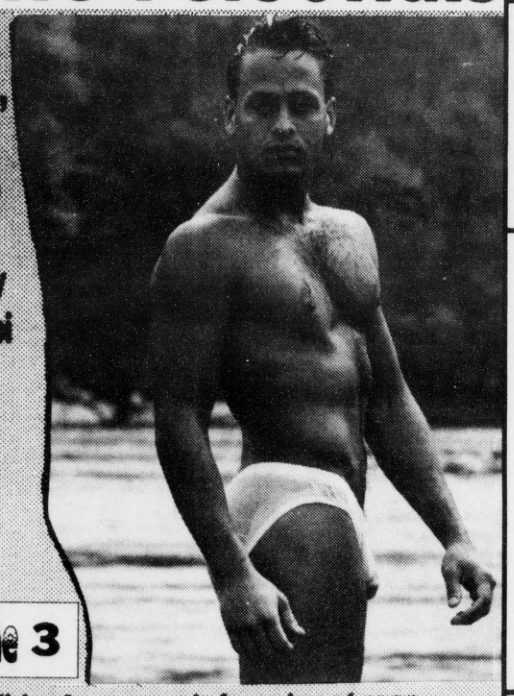

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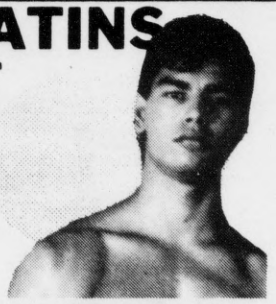

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September 16, 1991

Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Wilson:

You have before you Assembly Bill 101 which prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Earlier this year, when it contained both employment and housing protections, this legislation was endorsed by the California Apartment Association. Speaking as the President of the San Francisco Apartment Association, I believe that AB-101 will be good for the rental housing business -- the third largest industry in our State.

Most major cities in California, as well as the states of Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Hawaii and the District of Columbia have already enacted the same type of discrimination protections that AB-101 proposes.

For the past twenty years, San Francisco has prohibited discrimination based upon sexual orientation. The law works. In fact, doing business in a city where no segment of our society is separated from the whole is not only good business, it represents the best of American values.

I regret that some felt it necessary to remove housing protections from AB-101 in order to win your support for its passage, and I am now troubled that there are those who champion defeat of this bill. I urge you to stand firm against these forces, and to demonstrate your belief that all Californians are entitled to basic Constitutional protections of their employment rights.

Respectfully,

Joseph K. Bravo,
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